

# The Fruit of the Spirit - Joy



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## Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, <sup>23</sup> goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

## 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

## Colossians 3:12-14

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

## Galatians 5:14

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

# The Definition of Joy

JOY is the feeling or emotion of great delight, pleasure or happiness.

The expression or display of glad feelings.

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## **Ecclesiastes 2:1**

I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity.

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## **Psalm 16:11**

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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## Hebrews 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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## **1 Timothy 6:17**

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

1. If you are going to live a joy-filled life, you have to believe that God wants you to be joyful.

2.

**When you enjoy God supremely,  
you can enjoy things freely**

5. When your ultimate joy is the Lord, you can enjoy other things

