



THE Fruit OF THE Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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

Joy

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John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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1 Thess. 5:16 - commands us to be joyful always

Phil. 4:4 - says Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice

Rom. 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Joy Connects You with God

Psalm 100:1-5 - Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the Lord Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

Joy Connects You with God

Ps. 16:11 - You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy

Joy Brings Endurance

Neh. 8:10 - The joy of the Lord is your strength.

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Prov. 15:23 - A man has joy by the answer in his mouth.

Joy draws abundant life

Isa. 12:3 - With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Focus in Faith On the Future

Ps. 84:4-7 - Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage [they are going forward; focused on what's ahead]. As they pass through the Valley of Baka [Baka = weeping; they go thru difficult times BUT because they are focused on...future & are optimistic about ...future], they make it a place of springs...They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion

Focus in Faith On the Future

Jer. 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future

Be content with what God has given you

Ps. 16:5-6 - Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance

Give yourself in service to others

Ps. 126:5-6 - Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them

Give yourself in service to others

Gal. 6:10 - Do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of faith

Recap

3 Benefits of Joy:

- Joy connects you w/ God
- Joy brings Endurance
- Joy draws Abundant Life

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3 Ways to increase Joy

- Focus in faith on the future
- Be content with what God has given you
- Give yourself in serving others



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