

The Fruit of Joy

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The Fruit of the Spirit = The Nature of God

When you get born again, you receive God's nature, but it must be cultivated within you.

How do we water what's within us?

The washing water of the word.

A faith person is a joyful person, and a joyful person is a strong person,

Nehemiah 8:9-10

9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

2 Corinthians 7:10

Tells us worldly sorrow brings death.

The joy of the Lord does the opposite. It brings life and strength! Therefore, to be lacking in joy is a bad witness.

Some people believe they cannot help it but what does the Word say?

Matthew 5:11-12

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

If he told us to rejoice, it must be a choice. (Regardless of how one feels.)

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Rejoice evermore.

Philippians 4:4 KJV

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4 BBE

Be glad in the Lord at all times, again I say, be glad.

Paul was in prison when he wrote this.

Jesus, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross...Therefore, we are without excuse.

Just as natural babies are very feeling conscious, spiritual babies are the same way, but God expects us to grow and mature.

We're commanded to live by faith, not feelings.

Joy is the attitude of faith!

Romans 5:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

“Your celebration is a demonstration of your expectation.”

- Rev. Mark Hankins

Psalm 118:15-17

15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

16 The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Psalm 126:1-3

1 When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

3 The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. If you knew what happened in the spirit when you rejoice, you would rejoice everyday!

James 1:2-3

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Maximum joy! Turn up your joy!