



GIVE UP

There are 104 verses woven together with the theme of J_____!

The central truth of Philippians

"Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, "Rejoice!" *Philippians 4:4*

Joy is a c_____. More accurately, joy is a t_____ choices.

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:5
Jesus set the example. His journey is our journey:*

H_____ S_____ S_____ E_____

HUMILITY

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself... *Philippians 2:5-8a*

Jesus h_____ himself and made himself n_____.

*The joyful journey begins s_____
by giving up our s_____ living.*

To cultivate joy we have to give up our pride and our desire to be:

i_____ in c_____ s_____

a_____ in c_____ s_____

Joy begins with humility... an e_____ of self.

SERVICE

taking the very nature of a servant, *Philippians 2:7b*

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A slave has no rights.

He/She considers others b_____ than himself/herself.

He/She looks to the i_____ of others.

The servant doesn't just l_____ for himself/herself.

The servant l_____ for others. Jesus said:

*The Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.
How can we s_____ others?*

Matthew 20:28

SACRIFICE

he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:8b

The progression of i_____ in Paul's description of the joyful journey:
humility, to service, to sacrifice. Each step is more c_____.

The greatest i_____ in human history was done at the cross.
Jesus willingly g_____ himself for us.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

How can we s_____ for others?

EXALTATION

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place... *Philippians 2:9*

By having the attitude of Christ, by humbling ourselves,
by serving others, by sacrificing for others we find ourselves e_____,
lifted up, e_____ the journey!

Jesus' way is c_____. But it's the way of joy!

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted.* *Luke 14:11*

*For whoever wants to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for me will find it.* *Matthew 10:39*

NEXT STEPS

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