



CHOOSE JOY

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, "Rejoice!"

Joy is a choice!

Joy is a thousand choices made day-by-day.

We are the sum total of the choices we make.

Last week:

BE IN HIM BE AGREEABLE BE DECISIVE BE GENTLE

BE CONFIDENT BE PRAYERFUL BE POSITIVE BE DOERS

BE I _____ (10)

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me.

Thanksgiving opens the door into God's p _____. *Psalm 100:4*

We also enter into j _____ and contentment with thanksgiving!

T _____ won't make you happy! But being thankful for what you have will cultivate joy. Learn to count your many b _____.

BE C _____ (10)

Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

Compassion isn't just a f _____. Compassion is love in a _____.

Learn to c _____ deeply about other people and then d _____ something!

BE C _____ (11-12)

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...

You can't have e _____! Learn to be content with what you have.

Our wants are i _____. We enslave ourselves paying for stuff that never delivers the s _____ we expected. We think we o _____ stuff but in reality stuff o _____ us. Learn to find your contentment in G _____.

1 Timothy 6:6-7 & Hebrews 13:5

BE STRONG (13)

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Finally, be strong in the L _____ and in his mighty power. *Ephesians 6:10*

The joy of the LORD is your s _____.

Nehemiah 8:10

The power for v _____ living doesn't come from within us...

it comes from the Lord! You c _____; He c _____.

BE G _____ (14-18)

...you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account... I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Generosity p _____ God. Generosity m _____ to God. *Matthew 25:40*

Jesus himself said: 'It is more b _____ to give than to receive.' *Acts 20:35*

E _____ all you can, s _____ all you can, g _____ all you can. *John Wesley*

The only safe rule is to give more than one can s _____. In other words, if our expenditures on comforts, luxuries and amusements, etc. are up to the standard common amount with those with the same i _____ as our own, we are probably giving away too l _____. *C.S. Lewis*

BE D _____ (19)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

God p _____ to take care of your n _____. Trust Him!

BE W _____ (20)

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Authentic worship is simply a genuine expression of praise, adoration, celebration, and thanksgiving to God in response to who He is and what He has done in our lives. *Mike Harland*

Westminster Catechism:

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever."

There is a direct connection between w _____ and j _____!

Worship is first about G _____. Worship is second about u _____.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness... *Psalm 100*

When we worship, we enter into a s _____ of joy!

Taste and see that the LORD is good...

Psalm 34:8

Then you'll know the joy that's inexpressible and full of glory. *1 Peter 1:8*

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NEXT STEPS

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