



THIS JOY THAT I HAVE SERIES

Lesson 1: The Principles of Joy

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- Joy is the emotion of great delight caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying.
 - Joy must become a pursuit and concentration.
 - It's necessary to have a personal joy self-evaluation.
 - Joy is mentioned over 300 times in the Bible.
 - Joy is a fruit of being Spirit-led.
- ✓ **GOT JOY** - Do you have it?
 - ✓ **GET JOY** - Do you want it?
 - ✓ **GROW JOY** - Will you let God fill you with it?
 - ✓ **GIVE JOY** - Will you show it?

I. Joy Is Based On A **Relationship** With The Father

John 16:22

A. **Heaven** is the source and center of all joy.

Psalm 28:7

B. **Humanity** can stifle and contaminate joy.

Genesis 26:12-17

II. Joy Is Inspired By An **Internal** State Of Being And Results In **External** Factors

Nehemiah 8:10

A. Joy is **initiated** by a process within -

Acts 16:22-25 – Acts 20:22-25

B. Joy isn't **intimidated** by problems without -

Habakkuk 3:17-18 - James 1:2-3;12

III. Joy Is A **Blessing** And **Reality** Of Our Faith

Hebrews 12:1-2

A. Joy is a sign that we **believe**.

John 10:27-33

B. Joy is a sign that we **belong**.

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C. Joy is a sign that we're blessed.

1 Peter 1:3-9

D. Joy is a sign that we're not in bondage.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

❖ Even though we may be struggling in the right now, joy signifies that it's ok.

❖ God is attracted to joy -

Psalm 66:17-20

❖ A lack of joy is our responsibility –

Psalm 42:1-5