



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.
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- ✓ **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.

Psalms 28:7

B. Humanity can stifle and contaminate joy.

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.

B. Joy isn't intimidated by problems without.

Neh. 6:19;7:1,5

C. Since isn't incubated by progress that's external, there is no logical, physical or spiritual reason to not have it.

III. Joy Is A Blessing And Reality Of Our Faith

Heb. 12:2

A. Joy is a sign that we believe.

B. Joy is a sign that we belong.

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

D. Joy is a sign that we've had faith to give birth.

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

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

❖ God is attracted to joy.

❖ The acquisition of joy is never based on the giver but the receiver.

❖ A lack of joy is our responsibility.