

EMPLOYERS FOR CHRIST: THE MEANING OF JOY

Definition of joy: The happy state that results from knowing and serving God.

KEY POINT: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS JOY

Bagalatia 5:22-23 / KwabaseGalathiya 5:22-23 / Galatians 5:22-23 “**22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

KEY POINT: ALWAYS FIND YOUR STRENGTH AND JOY IN GOD

Nehemia 8:10 / UNehemiya 8:10 / Nehemiah 8:10 “Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

KEY POINT: OUR JOY COMES FROM GOD WHO DOES NOT CHANGE

Bafilipi 4:4 / KwabaseFilipi 4:4 / Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

KEY POINT: THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH DEVELOPS PERSEVERANCE

Jakobo 1:2-4 / EkaJakobe 1:2-4 / James 1:2-4 “**2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. **4** Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

KEY POINT: YOUR REWARD FOR SUFFERING ON EARTH IS IN HEAVEN

Mateo 5:11-12 / NgokukaMathewu 5:11-12 / Matthew 5:11-12 “**11** "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

KEY POINT: PRACTISE JOY

1. Help someone
2. Receive in joy and say thank you
3. Say thank you for your job each morning
4. Focus on what you have and not on what you don't have

REMEMBER:

1. The fruit of the Spirit is joy
2. Always find your strength and joy in God
3. Our joy comes from God who does not change
4. The testing of your faith develops perseverance
5. Your reward for suffering on earth is in heaven
6. Practise joy