

JOY

VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

GALATIANS 5:16-25 ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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God-given joy is not _____ happiness.

God-given joy cannot be obtained from worldly _____ or _____.

→ JAMES 1:2-4; 1 PETER 1:6-9; JOHN 15:8-11; JOHN 16:20-24;
ROMANS 15:13; PSALM 4:7-8; PSALM 5:11-12; PSALM 16:11

Killjoys

What are some things in our lives that are killing our joy and what can we do about it?

1. _____

- **What can I do about it? Set your mind on things above and put sin to _____.**

COLOSSIANS 3:1-10

2. _____

- **What can I do about it? As much as you can help it, try to live at _____ with everyone.**

ROMANS 12:14-18

- **In relationships, you are either a joy _____ or a joy _____. Be a _____.**

3. _____

- **What can I do about it? Learn to trust in the _____ of God.**

PSALM 139:16; ROMANS 8:38-39

4. _____

- **What can I do about it? Learn to understand what Jesus has _____ and is _____ to be and do.**

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What are some things in our lives that are killing our joy and what can we do about it?

1. Sin

- **What can I do about it? Set your mind on things above and put sin to death.**

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2. Broken Relationships

- **What can I do about it? As much as you can help it, try to live at peace with everyone.**

ROMANS 12:14-18

- **In relationships, you are either a joy giver or a joy taker. Be a joy GIVER.**

3. Unplanned Circumstances

- What can I do about it? Learn to trust in the sovereignty of God.

PSALM 139:16; ROMANS 8:38-39

4. Purposeless Living

- What can I do about it? Learn to understand what Jesus has for you and is calling you to be and do.

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