

The Word On Joy

1. Nehemiah 8:10

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Then [Ezra] told them, Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet drink, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold.

MSG

He continued, “Go home and prepare a feast, holiday food and drink; and share it with those who don’t have anything: This day is holy to God. Don’t feel bad. The joy of God is your strength!”

NKJV

Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

2. Psalm 16:11

AMPC

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

MSG

Now you’ve got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I’m on the right way.

NKJV

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

3. Psalm 30:5

AMPC

For His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime or in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

MSG

He gets angry once in a while, but across a lifetime there is only love. The nights of crying your eyes out give way to days of laughter.

NKJV

For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

4. Psalm 118:24

AMPC

This is the day which the Lord has brought about; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

MSG

This is the day God acted—what a day! Let us celebrate and be festive!

NKJV

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

5. Isaiah 12:3

AMPC

Therefore with joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

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Joyfully you'll pull up buckets of water from the wells of salvation.

NKJV

Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation.

6. John 15:11

AMPC

I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.

MSG

I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature.

NKJV

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

7. John 16:22

AMPC

So for the present you are also in sorrow (in distress and depressed); but I will see you again and [then] your hearts will rejoice, and no one can take from you your joy (gladness, delight).

MSG

So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you'll rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.

NKJV

Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

8. Romans 15:13

AMPC

May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope.

MSG

Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

NKJV

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

9. Galatians 5:22–23

AMPC

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

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But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

10. Philippians 4:4

AMPC

Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!

MSG

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him!

NKJV

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

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