



“When God Sent Joy”

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”
Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

Bottom line:

Joy is a focus before it’s a feeling.

A. When God sent Joy, He sent unity.

“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.” *Philippians 4:1-3*

1. Joy comes from the completeness of love.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” *John 15:11*

2. Joy helps us to stand fast. (Greek: stekete) “...stand firm in the Lord...” *Philippians 4:1*

B. When God sent Joy, He sent a command.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”
Philippians 4:4-5 (NIV)

1. Rejoice

“Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” *Matthew 5:12*

2. Epieikeia (Gracious/Gentleness)

C. When God sent Joy, He sent contentment.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)*

1. Pray with thanksgiving.

2. Transcending peace

D. When God sent Joy He sent a focused mindset!

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”
Philippians 4:8-9 (NIV)

1. The Groove of Joy

- a. Truth
- b. Noble (Gr: Semnos)
- c. Right (Gr: Dikaios)
- d. Pure (Gr: Hagnos)
- e. Lovely/Winsome (Gr: Proshiles)
- f. Admirable (Gr: Eophema)
- g. Excellent/Virtuous (Gr: Arete)
- h. Praiseworthy

2. Where is your joy rooted?