

The Fruit of the Spirit is...Joy

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Joy

everyone could use some -



...t we often feel empty.

...-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
...eeps in this petty pace from day to day,
...the last syllable of recorded time;
...d all our yesterdays have lighted fools
...e way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!
...e's but a walking shadow, a poor player,
...at struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
...d then is heard no more. It is a tale
...d by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
...gnifying nothing.

[beth Act 5, scene 5, 19–28](#)



William Shakespeare

If the fruit of the Spirit is joy,
why are there so many Eeyores?



**"Good morning, Pooh Bear," said Eeyore gloomily.
"If it is a good morning," he said. "Which I doubt,"
said he.**



What is joy?

Happiness

Happiness is an emotion in which one experiences feelings ranging from contentment and satisfaction to bliss and intense pleasure.

Luck, fortune, other self pleasures

Pleases a person

Momentary

Winning a lottery will make one happy

Joy

Joy is the emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying; keen pleasure; elation.

caused by over all contentment, soul satisfying incidents

Warms ones heart

Long lasting

Giving birth to a child will bring joy.

- a feeling of happiness that comes from a state of well-being
- happiness - the state of well-being

happiness = joy

Characteristics of Spiritual Joy

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a) James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you
know that the testing of your faith develops
perseverance.

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2 Cor. 6:4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardship, distresses; 5* in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; 6* in purity, understanding patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; 8* through and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet as impostors 9* known, yet regarded as unknown; dying yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed 10* sorrowful, yet rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and

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“Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.” —

Wilfred T. Grenfell



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Hebrew 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Romans 14:17-19 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men. Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

How can we have spiritual joy?

by becoming like Christ

Luke 10:21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

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John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love, if you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

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1. develop our relationship with God

Ps 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life
will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal
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Ps 19:8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy
the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving
light to the eyes.

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1 Thess. 5:16 Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire;

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2 John 12 I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

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Mark 4:19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

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• Obedience and Faithfulness

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“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the talents gained two more. But the man who had received the talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s “After a long time the master of those servants returned and accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with talents. See, I have gained five more.’ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share my master’s happiness!’

LOOK FORWARD TO THE RIPENING OF THEM IN



Romans 5:2 And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

LOOK FORWARD TO THE RIPENING OF THEM UNTIL

Psalm 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.



Prov 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam