

Kingdom Principles

Part 6: Joy | Text: Matthew 6:25-34

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Do not worry by taking a thought and saying...

Worry: To torment yourself with or suffer from disturbing thoughts; a cause of uneasiness or anxiety; trouble. To have a negative perception of a consequence that has not yet taken place.

Luke 10:38-42

Martha was convinced that her tasks were more important than sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to wisdom.

Acts 2:41 | Acts 17:11 | 2 Chronicles 31:21

2 Chronicles 26:4, 5 (NLT) He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight, just as his father, Amaziah, had done. (5) Uzziah sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. And as long as the king sought the Lord, God gave him success.

Luke 12:24

When my mind is focused on the Lord and His Word, there is a confidence that everything is going to work out for the King's Glory.

Isaiah 26:3 | Romans 8:6 | Romans 14:17

Isaiah 48:18 (NLT) Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling like waves.

Old Testament Example:

2 Chronicles 20:12, 17, 21, 22 | 1 Samuel 30:6

New Testament Example:

John 17:13 | Luke 8:22-25

Hebrews 12:2 (NLT) We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God's throne in heaven.

Philippians 4:6

We need to pray and release the Lord's ability to deliver us from the snare of the enemy. Psalm 16:11 | John 16:24

Isaiah 61:10 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Habakkuk 3:17, 18 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, (18) yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

1 Peter 5:7

We need to pray and release joy in the Lord's love by expressing joy right in the middle of pressure. Hebrews 10:34 | Acts 16:23-25

1 Peter 4:12, 13 (NLT) Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. (13) Instead, be very glad--because these trials will make you partners with Christ in his suffering, and afterward you will have the wonderful joy of sharing his glory when it is displayed to all the world.

Steps to a Carefree Life

1. Confidence in the Father's love
2. Word mind-set
3. Speaking the word
4. Joy expressed verbally
5. Joy shown in service

Discussion Questions for D12

1. Discuss Matthew 6:25-34 and talk about how it relates to you.
2. Give testimonies of ways that have helped you not worry.
3. Talk about Luke 10:38-42 and tell how that relates to your daily life.
4. Discuss 1 Peter 5:7 and talk about casting our cares upon him.

Prayer

Pray that our new church plants will be successful and many will be saved and disciplined.

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