

THE POWER OF JOY

JOY IS A COMMAND

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

Psa. 66:1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Psa. 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

JOY IS SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

Neh. 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this day is holy* unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. (Heb word strength = Fortress, defense, rock.)

JOY IS VITAL TO YOUR FAITH

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for (JOYFULLY EXPECTED), the evidence of things not seen.

Rom. 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

James 1:3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

James 1:4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Phil. 1:25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

2Cor. 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

JOY IS VITAL TO YOUR WITNESS

2Cor. 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.

Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

JOY IS VITAL TO YOUR HEALTH

Prov. 17:22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Prov. 15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Prov. 15:15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

Eccl. 9:7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.