

The Power of Joy
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The Power of Advent - Part 4
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Matthew 2:10 When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. (ICB)

What Is Joy?

- It's not CIRCUMSTANTIAL

2 Corinthians 7:4d In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy. (ESV)

- It's a COMMAND

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Be joyful always. (NIV)

- It's a CHOICE

Psalms 118:24 This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. (NLT)

- It COMES FROM GOD

Nehemiah 8:10c ...Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength. (NASB)

How The Power Of Joy Strengthens Me

1. JOY STRENGTHENS ME PHYSICALLY

Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but depression drains one's strength. (GW)

2. JOY STRENGTHENS ME RELATIONALLY

Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." (NLT)

3. JOY STRENGTHENS ME EMOTIONALLY

Proverbs 15:13 A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, but with a heartache comes depression. (GW)

4. JOY STRENGTHENS ME SPIRITUALLY

1 Samuel 2:1 Hannah said: "The Lord has filled my heart with joy. I feel very strong in the Lord..." (ICB)

How I Experience The Power of Joy

1. LIVE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

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. (NIV)

Psalm 21:6 You have endowed him with eternal blessings and given him the joy of your presence. (NLT)

2. OBEY GOD'S WORD

Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart... (NKJV)

Psalm 19:8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. (NIV)

3. YIELD TO GOD'S SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22 But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness... (LB)

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

4. TRUST IN GOD'S SON

Luke 2:8-11 Shepherds were in the fields near Bethlehem. They were taking turns watching their flock during the night. ⁹ An angel from the Lord suddenly appeared to them. The glory of the Lord filled the area with light, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, a message that will fill everyone with joy. ¹¹ Today your Savior, Christ the Lord, was born in the city of David. (GW)

1 Peter 1:8 Although you have not seen Jesus, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. (NRSV)

Romans 15:13a May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him. (NIV)