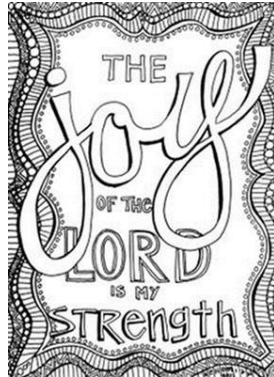


# Does Your Life Reflect Joy?



Listen to the Sermon at this link:

<https://www.ucq.org/sermons/does-your-life-reflect-the-joy-of-gods-salvation>



## What the Bible Says about Joy

Read each of the scriptures below about joy. Then summarize God's instruction about joy in the passage.

Scripture	Instruction
John 10:10	
John 15:11-16	
Matt. 13:30-44	
I Peter 1:6-9	
Ps. 1:1-3	

**JOY is also one of the fruits of the Spirit. What number is JOY listed as in Galatians 5:22+? \_\_\_\_\_**

**What are we to do with the fruits of the Spirit?**

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### **Describing Joy**

**What is JOY? Circle any word that describes joy.**

**misery**

**cheerfulness**

**delight**

**rejoicing**

**sorrow**

**gladness**

**gratefulness**

**guilty**

**praise**

**Describe YOUR joy today with 2 words. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Describe the reasons for your joy today.**

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## Biblical Examples of Joy

Think of 3 examples of joy in the Bible. Find them, record the scripture, and summarize them here.

Scripture	Reason for Joy	Is Sin Present?	Describe Joyful Response

Read Luke 15:3-7. Why was the shepherd joyful?

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## Where is Joy Found?

Read Psalm 16:11, Psalm 35:9, and Deut. 28:47-48. Complete the sentences below.

True joy is only found in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_. He shows us the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Our joy is in His promise of \_\_\_\_\_ when we choose to have a relationship with Him and obey Him. Even as we \_\_\_\_\_ one another in Christ's love, we are to serve with \_\_\_\_\_.



## Command to Be Joyful

In Deut. 28:47-48, we are commanded to serve God with joy  
or...\_\_\_\_\_.

David had lots of joy because he walked closely with God most of his life. Read Psalms 27, 30, 33, 42, 43, 45, & 47. Make a list of ways David expresses his joy to God. How many can you find?

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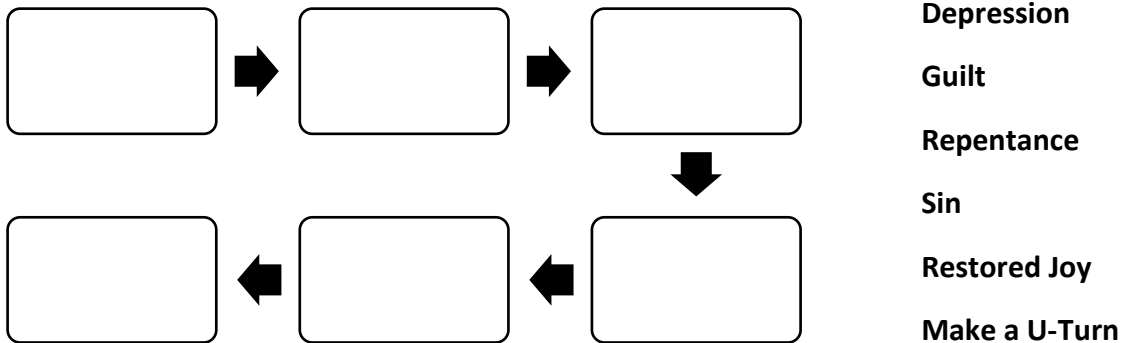




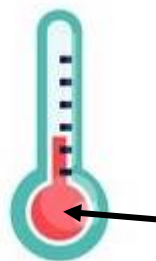
## How Satan Wants to Rob Us of Joy:

Of course, Satan would love nothing more than to rob us of this joy we receive when we walk with God. He does this by getting us to sin willfully. God can not live where sin is present. We are called to live abundantly but this is not possible if we are sinning willfully. God is gracious and will forgive us if we repent and make a U-turn from sin.

Place these steps in the order of how they bring us from having no joy in our hearts to being filled with God's joy.



## Joy is a Temperature Gauge



Close to God!

JOY

In a way, joy is a temperature gauge that indicates our closeness with God at any time in our lives. How much joy do you have today?

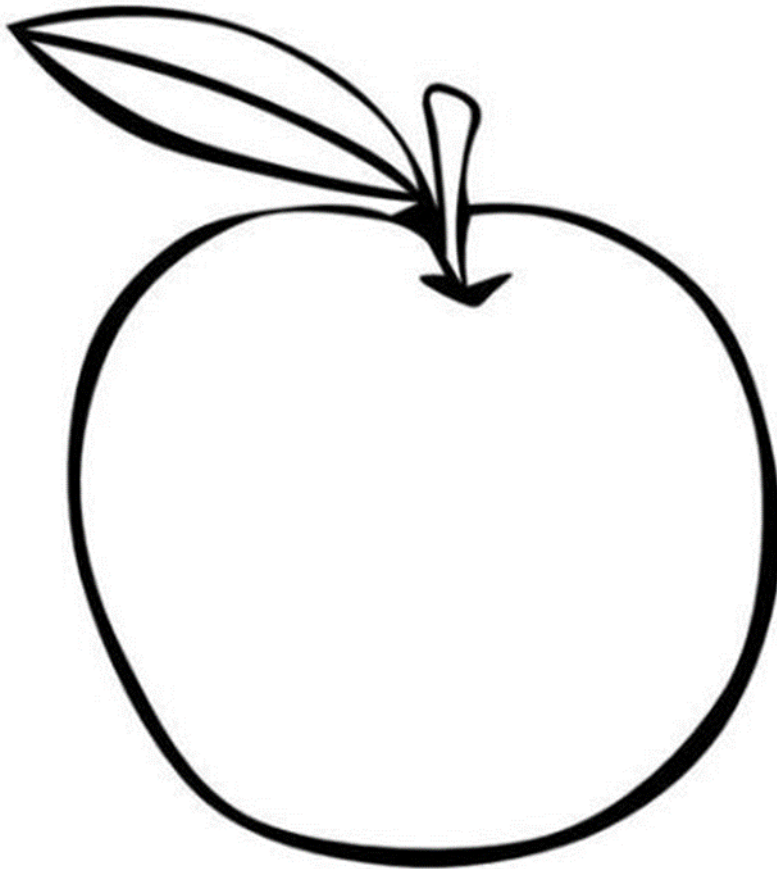
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## Fruits of the Spirit

Read Galatians 5:16-26. Joy is one of the Fruits of the Spirit. To be effective ambassadors for God, we *must* exude His joy every day!



When we exude (show) God's joy in us, what do others see? List as many outward signs of God's joy in us as you can in the apple above.

Read James 4:7 and complete God's promise to you here:

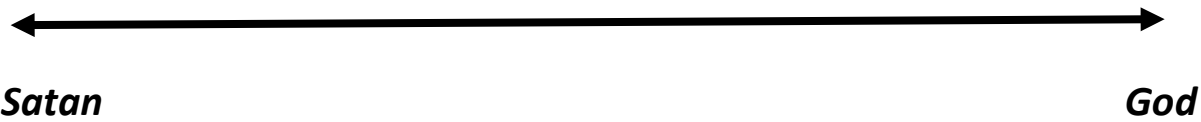
\_\_\_\_\_, then, to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. (NKJV)



## Responding to God

Describe YOUR joy today with 2 words. \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your level of joy, how closely are you walking with God and obeying His statutes? Place an X on the line below to show your present walk with God.



Write a letter to God repenting for willful sin and asking Him for more of His joy.

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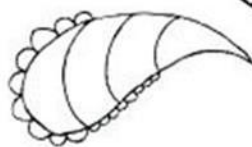
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I Can Do

All things



THROUGH



CHRIST

who gives me  
STRENGTH.



— PHILIPPIANS 4:13