

1 Peter 1:8; *You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.*

Nehemiah 8:10; *for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

## 1. Joy \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 30:5; *For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

John 16:22; *So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.*

Bob Ross; "The secret to doing anything is believing that you can do it. Anything that you believe you can do strong enough, you can do. Anything. As long as you believe."

Helen Keller; "Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow."

Eudora Welty; "The excursion is the same when you go looking for your sorrow as when you go looking for your joy."

## 2. Joy \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 17:22; *A cheerful heart is good medicine.*

A. B. Simpson; "King Solomon left among his wise sayings a prescription for sick and sad hearts, and it is one that we can safely take. *A merry heart does good like a medicine.* Joy is the great restorer and healer. Gladness of spirit will bring health to the bones and vitality to the nerves when all other tonics fail and all other sedatives cease to quiet. Are you ill? Begin to rejoice in the Lord, and your bones will flourish like an herb, and your cheeks will glow with the bloom of health and freshness. Worry, fear, distrust, care-all are poisonous! Joy is balm and healing, and if you will but rejoice, God will give power. He has commanded you to be glad and rejoice, and He never fails to sustain His children in keeping His commandments. *Rejoice in the Lord always,* He says. This means no matter how sad, how tempted, how sick, how suffering you are, rejoice in the Lord just where you are-and begin this moment. The joy of the Lord is the strength of our body, the gladness of Jesus, the balm for our pain, His life and His fullness, our fountain of healing, His joy, our elixir for body and brain."

Mother Teresa; "Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love."

### 3. Joy \_\_\_\_\_.

*Habakkuk 3:17-18; Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!*

*Psalm 16:11 NKJV; In Your presence is fullness of joy. GW; Complete joy is in your presence.*

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin; "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God."

*Psalm 5:11; But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.*

*Psalm 118:24; This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Joy.

*Psalm 100:2; Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.*

Jean Paul Richter; "There are souls in this world which have the gift of finding joy everywhere and of leaving it behind them when they go."

*Nehemiah 12:43; ...the joy of the people of Jerusalem could be heard far away.*

Kaye Warren; "Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things."

*Philippians 4:4; Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!*

*Luke 10:20; Rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:12; Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven.*

*Isaiah 65:14; My servants will sing for joy...*