

“REJOICE IN THE LORD!”

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Note: Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

We choose whether or not we will rejoice in the Lord.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree may not blossom,
Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail,
And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,
And there be no herd in the stalls—

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,

I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength;
He will make my feet like deer's feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills.

How often are we to rejoice?

Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”

Rejoice = G5463 – khah'-ee'ro – “to be cheerful, calmly happy or well-off. It is used as a Salutation (on meeting or parting). “Be well, farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, joyfully, rejoice.”

Always = all the time.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

God's will for you...

- Rejoice always.
- Pray without ceasing.
- In everything give thanks.

How much effort should we put into rejoicing?

Psalm 68:3 “But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.”

Let all those who seek the Lord Rejoice!

Psalm 40:16-17 “Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
Let such as love Your salvation say continually, “The Lord be magnified!
But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me.
You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.”

Seek is “searching out, striving out”...specifically in worship and in prayer.

- We should rejoice in our opportunities to pray and to worship.
- We should rejoice in the Lord in our prayer and worship.

Psalm 27:4 “One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.”

“Luke 10:20b “Jesus told his disciples...‘but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.’”

Rejoice because our sins have been forgiven!

Psalm 35:9 “And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord;
It shall rejoice in His salvation.”