The Joy Journey 10/20/2024

“What kills my joy in God?” (1 Timothy 6:12)

\*What lessens or even kills your joy in God?

Review: -Did you apply what you learned last week?

* God IS a happy God and COMMANDS us to have joy in Him!
* We exist to glorify God BY enjoying Him forever.
* Definition of Christian joy (in God): a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world.

-Did you have more joy in God this last week? By:

* Identifying what gives you joy in God and doing more of that.
* Being intentional about looking for the beauty of Jesus in His Word and the world.
* Remembering that God sings over you! (Zephaniah 3:17)
* Praying for more joy. (Ro 15:13; Psalm 51:12; 86:4-5; 90:14)

1. Things that temper or even kill our joy in God:
   1. I am distracted and consumed with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, often enabled by my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* 1. I root my happiness in my earthly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* 1. My unrepentant \_\_\_\_\_. (Col 3:5; Ro 8:13; 2Pe 2:1; Gal 5:25)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or emotional suffering. (James 1:1-3)

* 1. People I love are potentially headed for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Ro 9:1-3)
  2. Satan and his fallen-angel demons’ mission is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my joy in God. (Jn 10:10)
  3. I am not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Father through faith in Jesus.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*God the Holy Spirit has His part in our joy in God and we have our part—to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for it!

1. How do we fight for joy in God?
2. Have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mentality.
3. Remember who you were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ salvation.
4. Put yourself in the way of joy; do everything you can by using the means of grace (spiritual disciples, habits of Jesus) in order to awaken, kindle, quicken and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ joy.
5. Really believe in and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s promises.

Live it!

* Fight for joy in God in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with other believers. Lead, host or be part of an Epic Community. (contact Pastor Jim)

* What or who is at the bottom of your joy?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brings me joy
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ why?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ why?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my ultimate joy
* This week I will join God in His work and fight for my joy in Him by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Resources:

-Available for free by John Piper at <https://www.desiringgod.org>

*+The Dangerous Duty of Delight*

*+For Your Joy*

*+Desiring God*

*+When I Don’t Desire God*

+Killjoys

-*Happiness* by Randy Alcorn (see also his YouTube videos)

Next (10/27): Outdoor Gathering & Potluck Picnic

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