

PEACE & JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST
Gentle & Humble, Peaceful & Joyful

I. Live in a joyful, gentle, peaceful state-Ph4:4-Rejoice [full of cheer, calmly happy, glad] in the Lord always [at all times/perpetual] and again I say Rejoice. ⁵Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶Be careful [troubled w/cares] for nothing..

Many are sad others are mad- Ps30:5
A. **Rejoice ALWAYS-Ps100:2-Serve the LORD with gladness-Ps90:14-Satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days-Ps35:27-Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause-Ps64:10-The righteous shall be glad in the LORD-Ps68:3-Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice-Ps70:4-Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad**

1. There is a joy that's inexpressible-1Pt1:8-Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy **unspeakable** (unutterable) and full of glory-ER-Cannot be explained-GNB-Joy which words cannot express-NTE-Joy that goes beyond anything words can say

Many are troubled with the cares of this life-You can get used to living like
B. **Be careful for NOTHING-KM: Anymore laid back, you'd be in a coma-1Pt5:7-Casting all your care upon him; Jn14:27-Let not your heart be troubled (agitate, inward commotion, anxious, distressed)**

1. There is a peace that's not understandable-Ph4:7-CEV-No one can completely understand-GNB-Far beyond human understanding-ISV-Beyond anything we can imagine-WEY-Transcends our powers of thought-EX-So great we cannot understand it

Your stance for righteousnessYour hatred of
C. **Let your moderation be known to ALL MEN-ST-Mild (tender, gentle in disposition, kind, compassionate, merciful, calm, not severe, cruel, fierce, rough, angry, sharp); Gentle (mild, meek, not rough, harsh, severe, peaceable-undisturbed, not agitated)**

Ways of pleasantness paths of peace Pr3:17
II. **Gentleness (mild) is connected to peace/joy-Js3:16-Where envying [heat, indignation, wrath] and strife [contention, quarrel, irritate] is, there is confusion [commotion, agitation, disturbance] and every evil work [Rm14:17]. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure [modest-not arrogant], then peaceable [peacemaking, calm, tranquil, free from feuds, undisturbed, unagitated], gentle [moderation] and easy to be intreated, full of mercy [compassion, tender, kind] and good fruits, without partiality [judging] and without hypocrisy.**

A. **There's no peace and joy in harshness, bitterness, contention, judging, despising (Rm14:3,17)-What you yield to you give place to and get full of**

B. **Promote peace and you'll have joy-Pr12:20-NET-Those who promote peace have joy.**

III. Gentleness is connected to humility (Pride is at the root of harshness)

Prouder you are harsher
A. **Pride: 1.Despises 2.Deals in wrath 3.Given to strife 4.Judges-Pr21:24-Proud and haughty scorner [despiser] is his name who deals in proud wrath [anger, crossing over from peace]-Pr13:10-Only by pride cometh contention [quarrel, strife, debate, despise]-MS-Arrogant know-it-all stir up discord-Pr28:25-He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife [contest, discord, brawler]-Js4:12-There is one lawgiver who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judges another?**

1. Pride-1.Arrogant-Unreasonably high claims of one's merits estimation, importance 2.High, lofty, above-Lift oneself above others 3.Depising others with contempt 4.Raise in smoke, wrap in mist, becloud, stupefy, dim perception of reality 5.Pretending to be what one is not-Ob1:3-The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee..

2. Judging, despising, wrath, contention happens when we believe we're higher than others-Smarter, have it more together, more enlightened

3. Pride is hypocrite/pretender-**Mt7:1**-*Judge not, that ye be not judged...³And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ⁵Thou hypocrite (pretender)...*

B. Humility-1.Low, not rising far from ground 2. Correct estimate of ourselves 3. Latin Word Humus-Ground, earth, soil, land, country; rather than living in the clouds in some fantasy world you come down to earth or reality

1. Come down to reality-You are just like everyone else, you don't know it all, you don't have it all together, you've made mistakes-**1Cor4:7**-*For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?*-**Ga6:3**-*If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself*-**1Cor8:2**-*If any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know*-**Jn15:5**-*Without me ye can do nothing*-**Rm12:3**-*To every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think*-**Ph2:3-AC**-*Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves].*

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2. Humility produces gentleness-Who am I to be hard on another?-**Mt18**

IV. The more humble you are, the gentler you'll be, the more joy and peace you'll experience-**Mt11:28**-*Come unto me, all ye that labor [fatigue, weary with grief/burdens, strive] and are heavy laden [burden with spiritual anxiety, load up] and I will give you rest [Rest of mind, freedom from uneasiness, quiet, calm; peace, inner rest]. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek [gentle, mild] and lowly [humble] in heart: and **ye shall find rest** [inner tranquility] unto your souls; ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light*

A. He was meek & lowly-Prince of Peace, anointed with the oil of gladness-**Is9:6**-*Prince of Peace*-**Hb1:9**-*Anointed with the oil of gladness;*

B. Pride is a peace robber, a joy thief-The prouder you are, the harsher you will be and the less peace and joy you experience-**Pr29:23**-*A man's pride shall bring him low (depress)*

C. Gentle and humble leads to peaceful and joyful-**Ps37:11**-*Meek [humble, gentle] shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace*-**Is29:19**-*The meek shall increase their joy in the LORD*-**Ps138:6**-*Hath he respect unto the lowly but the proud he knows afar off*-**Ps16:11**-*In thy presence is fullness of joy*-**Ph4:9**-*God of peace shall be with you*

D. Wisdom from above is humble, peaceable gentle-**Js3:17**