

JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST
Joy: The Great Indicator

Foundation: Our joy level is good indicator of how well we're doing spiritually

- I. **Our joy level is an indicator of how submitted to God we are-Being submitted to God yields righteousness, peace and joy in our lives-Rm14:17-The Kingdom of God (where He rules) is not meat and drink; but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost-Pr29:2-When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice: but when the wicked bear the rule the people mourn**
- A. Joylessness can be an indicator you're not submitted to God-Jn15:10-If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.¹¹These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full-Ps19:8-The precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart-Ps97:11-NET-Godly bask in the light; the morally upright experience joy
- II. **Our joy level is an indicator of our level of faith-1Pt1:8-Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory**
- A. We rejoice because we believe the Lord will do great things-Joel12:21-Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things
- B. We rejoice because of the confident expectation-Rm5:2-Rejoice in the hope of the glory of God-Rm12:12-Rejoicing in hope-Hb3:6-If we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end
- C. Our joy is a demonstration of our faith-Ps33:21-Our heart shall rejoice in him because we have trusted in his holy name
- D. Joylessness is an indicator of faithlessness-Mk4:40-Why are you so fearful? How is that you have no faith?
- III. **Our joy points to the how full of The Spirit we are-Ac2:4-They were all filled with the Holy Ghost...¹³Full of new wine (highly inebriating).¹⁵...are not drunken as ye suppose...¹⁶But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;¹⁷It shall come to pass in the last days saith God I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh-Ec10:19-Wine makes merry (joy/glad/exhilarate to laughter)-Zec10:7-They of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man and their heart shall rejoice (glad, joyful) as through wine (implies intoxication)-Ac13:52-And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost**
- A. We need can be depleted of The Spirit inside-When that happens the fruit of The Spirit wain-Ep5:18-CJ-Don't get drunk with wine, because it makes you lose control. Instead, keep on being filled with the Spirit-2Co4:16-Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed (new strength/vigor, freshness) day by day.
- IV. **You want to keep an eye are your joy gauge because it is an indicator of other important things in your life-Jn15:11-That your joy might be full (fill to the top so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure)**
- A. The face is the joy gauge-Pr15:13-Merry heart makes a cheerful countenance
- B. Joyless?-It's usually rebellion, faithlessness or low Spirit levels?