**Choose Joy!**

**Choose Joy Every Day!**

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Be full of joy in the Lord always. I will say again, be full of joy. Philippians 4:4 (New Century)

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**5 Choices That Lead To Daily Joy:**

**I Will Resolve Conflict!**

I ask Euodia and Syntyche to agree in the Lord. And I ask you, my faithful friend, to help these women. They served with me in telling the Good News, together with Clement and others who worked with me, whose names are written in the book of life. Be full of joy in the Lord always. I will say again, be full of joy. Let everyone see that you are gentle and kind. The Lord is coming soon. Philippians 4:2-5 (New Century)

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**I Will Avoid Worry**!

Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God’s peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (New Century)

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**I Will Be Focused On The Positive!**

Brothers and sisters, think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. Do what you learned and received from me, what I told you, and what you saw me do. And the God who gives peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 (New Century)

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**I Will Be Content!**

I am very happy in the Lord that you have shown your care for me again. You continued to care about me, but there was no way for you to show it. I am not telling you this because I need anything. I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens, when I have enough to eat and when I go hungry, when I have more than I need and when I do not have enough. I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength. Philippians 4:10-13 (New Century)

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**I Will Be Generous!**

But it was good that you helped me when I needed it. You Philippians remember when I first preached the Good News there. When I left Macedonia, you were the only church that gave me help. Several times you sent me things I needed when I was in Thessalonica. Really, it is not that I want to receive gifts from you, but I want you to have the good that comes from giving. And now I have everything, and more. I have all I need, because Epaphroditus brought your gift to me. It is like a sweet-smelling sacrifice offered to God, who accepts that sacrifice and is pleased with it. Philippians 4:14-18 (New Century)

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**3 Promises That Give Us Joy:**

1. **The Peace Of God**

And God’s peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7 (New Century)

1. **The Power Of God**

I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 (New Century)

1. **The Provision Of God**

My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need. Philippians 4:19 (New Century)

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