

THE JOY OF FOLLOWING JESUS 1

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THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

1. THE JOY OF ETERNAL LIFE

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12 (NKJV)

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¹⁷ 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—¹⁸ Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NKJV)

2. THE JOY OF HIS VOICE AND PRESENCE

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:27-28 (NKJV)

2. THE JOY OF HIS VOICE AND PRESENCE

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 16:11 (NKJV)

3. THE JOY OF LAYING DOWN YOUR LIFE

¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 15:11-13 (NKJV)

**4. THE JOY OF BECOMING LIKE HIM**

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Mark 1:17 (NKJV)

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² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

**5. THE JOY OF MAKING DISCIPLE-MAKERS**

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

**5. THE JOY OF MAKING DISCIPLE-MAKERS**

²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

**5. THE JOY OF MAKING DISCIPLE-MAKERS**

¹ You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NKJV)

