

Celebrate Happiness Outline
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Nehemiah 8:10 "Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

1 John 1:1-2 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us."

I. We "Celebrate Happiness" when our joy is built on the right foundation.

John 1:1-2 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

Four ACTION Words that make Christ the Right Foundation

- 1) Heard
- 2) Saw
- 3) Looked
- 4) Touched

WE CELEBRATE HAPPINESS IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY BECAUSE OUR FAITH IS BUILT ON WHAT IS REAL.

II. We Celebrate Happiness when our joy is built on the right companions.

1 John 1:3-4 "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete."

Koinonia: "setting aside of private interest and desires and the joining in with others for common purposes" (Rienecker, Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament, p. 785).

WE CELEBRATE HAPPINESS IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WHEN IT IS SHARED WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.

III. We Celebrate Happiness when our joy is built on the right source.

1 John 1:5 "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."

Psalms 119:105-106 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

Psalms 119:130 “The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

WE CELEBRATE HAPPINESS IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WHEN WE STUDY GOD’S HOLY WORD.

IV. We Celebrate Happiness when our joy is aimed for the right goal.

1 John 1:6-7 “If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

Purify: to erase the stain caused by sin and to wash away the defilement and ongoing effects of our sin in our lives. (Rienecker 785 and Burge 71)

WE CELEBRATE HAPPINESS IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WHEN IT LEADS TO TRANSFORMED LIVES.

John 15:9-12

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Psalms 51:12-13 “Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.”