



**Fruit of the Spirit— Discipleship**  
**A Series that will bring Fruit to your Life**  
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**Bible Study Six:**

**JOY:**

**“ How to Rejoice in Any Situation ”**

**Text: James 1:2-12**



**While hunting buffalo in Dakota Badlands, Theodore Roosevelt spent two weeks in intense heat and driving rain. He got a deep gash in his forehead when his horse reared up unexpectedly. As he crawled on his belly to get a shot at an animal, he accidentally placed his hand on a cactus and received a fistful of spines. That evening, he and his guide were readily awakened by a cold rain that left them lying in four inches of water. Shivering between sodden blankets, the guide heard Roosevelt explain, “By Godfrey, but this is fun!” — Phyllis LePeau**

**Joy is found in the strangest places. In hospital beds, around dinner tables, at funerals, throughout mundane tasks of cleaning, shopping, and even cooking. Although situations like these may not be fun to many people, they can be surprising occasions of joy.**

**How is this possible? \_\_\_\_\_**

**It is very possible to experience joy in the midst of any and all situations, including pain and trials. In fact, joy can be seen when the deep situations brings you to the light of Christ and a deeper understanding of Him. We can be strengthened by joy.**

**Have you ever been strengthened by being around those who overflow with joy, whose outlook was not good, but the peace and serenity was magnificently found? \_\_\_\_\_**

**This section of the Fruit of the Spirit looks at situations in which joy does not come naturally. The only explanation is that it is a work of the Spirit— joy in**

trials, joy in weakness, and joy in the gospel (especially when it involves a personal cost.) We will see the sources of joy— or ways of entering into his presence— Joy to the World, In the World, and Around the World.

**Joy in Trials**— in any situation! Remember the Hymn, “It is well with my Soul”? Horatio Spafford received from his wife after her ship sank that was taking her and his 4 children to England in Nov. in 1873. After Stafford reunited with his grieving wife at sea, the boat came near the area where his children had drowned. It is said that at that time he wrote the words that vividly described his grief and faith: “When sorrows like sea billows roll— whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.”



How does joy differ from happiness? \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*Read James 1:2-12

“Pure joy”— ? what \_\_\_\_\_ In GK. it is translated as “pas” for pure. Its main description is —“ meaning all, every, and whole or thoroughly.

What is perseverance? \_\_\_\_\_  
Which bible character comes to mind when you think of this word and why?  
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Why is this important in the Christian life? \_\_\_\_\_  
How are perseverance and maturity developed in us by enduring trials? vs 3-4

How does are attitude affect our growth? Philippians 2:5

What difficult experiences have increased and decreased your perseverance and maturity in Christ over the years? \_\_\_\_\_

Look at vs. 5- How might trials expose our need for God’s wisdom?

vs. 9-11- Trial and perseverance, why does James contrasts rich and poor Christians? \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 12- We discover there is a crown of life for those who what? \_\_\_\_\_