

3. Become Convinced Of The Supernatural Power Of Joy

- Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV – (2) *All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:*
- Deuteronomy 28:15, NIV – (15) *However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*
- Deuteronomy 28:45, NIV – (45) *All these curses will come upon you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the LORD your God and observe the commands and decrees he gave you.*
- Deuteronomy 28:47, NIV – (47) *Because you did not serve the LORD your God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity.*

4. Restore The Joy!

- Revelation 2:4, NIV – (4) *Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.*
- Psalm 51:12, NIV – (12) *Restore to me the joy of your salvation ...*
- Isaiah 12:3, NIV – (3) *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF JOY

Part 1 – Joy Empowers Us To Receive

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THE EMPOWERING POWER OF JOY

1. The Joy Of The Lord Protects Us

- Nehemiah 8:10, NIV - ... *Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*
- Joy = chedvah (Hebrew) = the consequence of rejoicing
- Strength = maoz (Hebrew) = a place or means of safety and protection, a place of refuge, defense, fortress, protection, refuge, strong fortress, safety, stronghold
- The joy of the Lord is a place of divine protection and defense and safety and refuge
- Biblical joy is not an emotion, it is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, working in us
- Galatians 5:22, NIV – (22) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*
- Joy protects us from the infiltration of the power of the law, which depresses us, dries us up, and eventually kills us spiritually
- 2 Corinthians 3:6, NIV – (6) *He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant -- not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter [the law] kills, but the Spirit gives life.*
- Matthew 3:7, NIV – (7) *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood [literally – worn out, stricken down] of vipers! ...”*

2. The Joy Of The Lord Empowers Us To Receive From God

a) Love Of God – The Ability To Give

- 1 John 3:17, NIV – “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?”
- 2 Corinthians 5:14, NIV – “For Christ's love compels us ...”
- The love of God is a divine power that motivates us and gives us the ability to give to others

b) Joy Of God – The Ability To Receive

- Isaiah 12:3, NIV – (3) With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- Matthew 13:20, NIV – (20) *The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.*
- The joy of God is a divine power that empowers us and gives us the ability to receive from God and others

c) Without Joy, Love Cannot Be Received

LOVE AND JOY NEED EACH OTHER TO WORK

1. Love And Joy Can Only Be Experienced Together

2. Joy Is The Receiving Part Of God

3. How Love And Joy Work Together

- Acts 20:35, NIV – (35) ... *the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*
- John 3:16, NIV – (16) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

- Hebrews 12:2, NIV – (2) ... *Jesus ... for the joy set before him endured the cross ...*

JOY ATTRACTS THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- Psalm 16:11, NIV – (11) *You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

WE MUST LEARN HOW TO REJOICE

1. Understand The Blessings That Are Available To You

- Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV - *All these blessings will come upon you and accompany [reach and overtake] you if you obey the LORD your God:*
- Psalm 103:2-5, NIV – (2) *Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits — (3) who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, (4) who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, (5) who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
- Philippians 3:1; 4:4, NIV – (1) *Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ... (4) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

2. Choose To Rejoice In Every Circumstance, So That You Are Always In “Receive” Mode

- 1 Peter 4:12-14, NIV – (12) *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. (13) But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. (14) *If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.**