

“Praying the Fruit of the Spirit” Week #2: Joy (Galatians 5:22) – Billy Johnson

The Fruit of the Spirit	Memory Device	Pray on	Growth Type:
Love	Heart	Sunday	Upward
Joy	Smile	Monday	
Peace	Mind	Tuesday	
Patience	Ear	Wednesday	Inward
Kindness	Shake Hand	Thursday	
Goodness	Give a Gift	Friday	
Faithfulness	Ring Finger	Friday	Outward
Gentleness	2 Cradling arms	Saturday	
Self-Control	Stomach	Saturday	

1. The difference between Rejoicing and Joy

Rejoicing is what we are called to do, but Joy (the Fruit) is what God produces in us first. We cannot truly rejoice without what Christ did on the Cross and in the Garden, and we can't have true joy without what Christ completes in us. (John 15:11)

What should I rejoice over? _____

Where has God brought me Joy? _____

2. Where does true Joy come from?

- Walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16; 5:25)
- What Christ Accomplished (Hebrews 12:2)

3. What is the path of Joy?

a. The joy of Jesus does not avoid happiness.

Spiritual Lifestyle: _____ Finding Joy in God's _____ (John 17:14)

b. The joy of Jesus of Jesus does not avoid grief. (John 16:20)

Spiritual Lifestyle: _____ Finding joy in God's _____ (John 16:24)

c. The joy of Jesus does not avoid reality.

Spiritual Lifestyle: _____ Finding Joy in God's _____ (John 17:14)

d. The joy of Jesus does not avoid the Cross. (Hebrews 12:2)

Spiritual Lifestyle: _____ Finding Joy in God's _____ (John 15:10)

Lord, I ask in the name of Jesus that we may be filled with the Joy of Jesus. May we find complete joy in him. Help us to be excited for the things that delight you, and may we strive to bring you joy.

Lord, please give your joy to_____. Please transform how they look at life now and the life to come. May your joy take them from grief into wonder.