

WINNING

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . .” Galatians 5:22-23

1. Definition of Joy

Happiness apart from circumstances

Joy is happiness that lasts in the midst of change

Those who will not embrace change have chosen to embrace unhappiness

2. Joy is a Command

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus,” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

God wants you to be completely alive, full of passion and bursting with joy

Joy is an outward sign of inward faith in the promises of God

1. I have inner contentment even when things go wrong

2. Circumstances do not dictate my mood