**TAPPING INTO THE POWER OF GOD’S JOY IN 2024**

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**Ephesians 6:10-13 MEV *10****Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.****11****Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.****12****For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.****13****Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6 MEV *3****For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.****4****For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds,****5****casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,****6****and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is complete.*

**The Guarantee of our Authority in Christ to Defeat Evil Powers**

**Luke 10:19-20 MEV*****19****Look, I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you.****20****Nevertheless do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

**James 4:7 MEV** *Submit to God resist the devil and he will flee.*

**Proverbs 17:22 KJVER*****22****A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones.*

**Nehemiah 8:10 KJVER*****10****Then he said to them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy to our Lord: neither be you sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.*

**To Rejoice is a Daily Choice: We must Choose To Obey God’s Directive**

**I Thessalonians 5:16-18 MEV*****16****Rejoice always.* ***17****Pray without ceasing.* ***18****In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

**Philippians 4:4-8 MEV*****4****Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!****5****Let everyone come to know your gentleness. The Lord is at hand.****6****Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with gratitude, make your requests known to God.****7****And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will protect your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* ***8****Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things.*

**Galatians 5:22-23 MEV*****22****But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith,****23****meekness, and self-control; against such there is no law.*

**Ephesians 1:15-20 MEV*****15****Therefore I also, after hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,****16****do not cease giving thanks for you, mentioning you in my prayers,****17****so that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,****18****that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance among the saints,****19****and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power,****20****which He performed in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places.*

**Isaiah 40:30-31 MEV** *Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,* ***31****but those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.*

**Isaiah 41:10-13 MEV**  *Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, yes, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.* ***11****Certainly all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and humiliated; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish.* ***12****You shall seek them and shall not find them, even those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a thing of nonexistence. 1****3****For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, “Do not fear; I will help you.”*

**Romans 8:28,31-32,35-39 MEV*****28****We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.* ***31****What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?****32****He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? …****35****Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?****36****As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.”[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A28%2C31-32%2C35-39+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-28153a)*]* ***37****No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.****38****For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities nor powers, neither things present nor things to come,****39****neither height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**2 Corinthians 2:14 KJVER*****14****Now thanks be to God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place.*

**I Corinthians 15:57 KJVER*****57****But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Hebrews 13:5-6 MEV *5****Let your lives be without love of money, and be content with the things you have. For He has said: “I will never leave you, nor forsake you.”[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+13%3A5-6&version=MEV#fen-MEV-30247a)*]* ***6****So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*