

Essentials For Joyful Living! (Part 1)

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4) NIV

Four essentials on how to be joyful:

Essential #1 –

I need a perspective to live from!

...Everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. (Philippians 1:12a) NLT

All the soldiers here, and everyone else too, found out that I am in jail because of this Messiah. That piqued their curiosity, and now they have learned all about him. (Philippians 1:13) The Message

Somehow my patience has encouraged them, and they have become more and more bold in telling others about Christ. (Philippians 1:14) TLB

And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans. (Romans 8:28) TLB

Life Principle: God has a purpose behind every one of my problems!

Essential #2 –

In need a priority to live by!

It is true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. (Philippians 1:15) NLT

But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice... (Philippians 1:18) NIV

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3:6) NLT

Life Principle: Focus on what really counts!

Essential #3 –

I need a power to live on!

I am going to keep on being glad, for I know that as you pray for me, and as the Holy Spirit helps me, this is all going to turn out for my good. (Philippians 1:19) TLB

Paul says, I have two things that give me strength and kept me going in spite of four years of imprisonment:

- The prayers of other people
- The help of God's Spirit

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13) NLT

Life Principle: With God's power nothing can devastate me!

Essential #4 –

I need a purpose to live for!

For me to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:21) NIV

