**Fruit of Spirit: Enduring Joy Pt 1** © 2016 WF Cobb Truthbase.net ***DailyTruthbase.Blogspot.com***

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I. J**oy is a^result *(filtered response to filtered perception)* from choosing what is best.** Love is a choice to do what is in another's best interest

Ps 4:7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. 3Jn 4; Pr 10:1; 23:24; 17:21

Ps 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me...He is at my right hand..not moved 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 11You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Jn 15:11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you *15:13 16:22* 1Jn 1:4 these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

**II. Choosing to view trials with the perspective that temporal loss is the path to eternal gain gives meaning and joy to suffering**

2Cor 4:7 power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed 15 glory of God. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Acts 5:40 apostles and beaten them 41 So they departed, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Act 16:24 **Phil** 1:4; 18 Christ preached; 25,26; 2:2 like-minded; 16 not in vain; 17 poured out; 18,28 less sorrowful; 3:1, 3 in Christ; 4:1 crown 4.10 $

Phil 1:19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance/salvation thru your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ

Mt 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad*, 1Pt 1:6; 4:13* for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 2Tim 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. *(need to und. OT prophets)*

**III. Faithful endurance in the expectation of realizing Eternal benefit/blessing is the key to transforming trials into triumph**

Js 1:2 count/*esteem* it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing/refining of your faith produces endurance. 4 But let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.12 Blessed is the man who endures trials; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ***Js 5:11***

Mt 10:22 you shall be hated by all for my name’s sake: but he that endures to the end shall be saved.

Rm 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; enduring/patient in tribulation; continuing always in prayer;

Rm 5:1 justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 thru whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance/perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 5:11 rejoice in God *8:25 hope endure*

Lk 8:15 good ground...an honest and good heart, heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with endurance. 21:19 by endurance possess your souls. Rm 2:7 To them who by patient endurance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:

Rm 15:4 whatever written OT written for our learning, that we thru endurance and encouragement of the scriptures might have hope

Heb 12:1 run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy *1:9 Ps 45:7* that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

10 profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness 11 no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; afterward it yields

1Pt 1:5 kept by the power of God thru faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time 6 In this you greatly rejoice...grieved by various trials, 7 the proving of your faith...may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ 8 not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith: salvation of your souls. 10 prophesied of the grace that would come to you...11 sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be soundminded, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct 17 If you call upon the Father..,judges acc to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear

1Pt 4:12 do not think it strange fiery trial..try you 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 reproached for Christ, blessed...the Spirit of glory rests upon you...He is glorified

Jude 1:24 to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion/Response:**

What robs us of joy? What's our natural response to trials? How can you view trials with joy and gladness? What are the benefits?