**Helpers of Joy pt c Joy of Disciplemaking** (c) 2016 WF Cobb Truthbase.net  ***DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

**G. If joy comes from choosing what is best, then making disciples (the Great Commission/Best Command) should result in great joy.**

1Thess 2:19 what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 20 For you are our glory & joy. 3:9 what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice b'cs of you before God 5:16 Rejoice always,

2Jn 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

3Jn 1:3 rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. **4 no greater joy...!**

Phil 4:1 longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Phil 2:2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. 17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faithfulness, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18...you also be glad and rejoice with me.

Col 2:5 tho I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ

**H. Purposing to obey is the road to joy. Obedience is necessary for holiness, which is essential for love *1Pt 1:22*, reward, and joy.**

Mt 28:18 All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore going, **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father/Son/HS 20 teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you;..with you always, end of the age

1Cor3/Gal 6:4 each one examine his own work, then he will have rejoicing in himself alone...7 God not mocked...reap what (you) sow.

**I. If disciplemaking is the greatest means of glorifying God, then we should expect the greatest opposition from the evil one.**

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes, turn them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance

1Jn 5:18 born of God keeps himself, wicked one does not touch him. 19 We know...the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one

Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Acts 20:23 HS testifies...chains and tribulations await me 24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God

Col 1:11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church

2Cor 12:9 My grace is sufficient 15 very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; tho the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved

2 Cor 13:9 For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.

2Tim 2:1...be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2Tim 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Proclaim the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but acc to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an proclaim, fulfill your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. Mt 25:21 'Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your lord

**J. Prayerfully and faithfully depending on the God of all grace gives us the resources to experience His deliverance/victory**

1Cor 12:26 if one member suffers, all suffer; or if honored, all rejoice with it. 13:6 [love] does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

2Cor 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Rm 12:12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 15:32 that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you.

2Cor 7:4 great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with encouragement. I (overabound) am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. 7 also by the encouragement with which he was encouraged by you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. suffer loss from us in nothing

Heb 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Jer 15:15 O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

Ps 97:10 You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name

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

1. How are you obeying Christ? Who and how are you teaching others to obey Him? *(Learn Truth, Live Truth , Love others with the Truth)*

2. How are you being equipped/equipping yourself (Eph 4) to make disciples (2Tim 2:2)? Will you be rewarded for what you do (1Cor 3)?