

“Gentlemen, it is better to have died as a small boy that to fumble this football.”

~ John Heisman





“Most football players
are temperamental.
That's 90 percent
temper and
10 percent mental.”

~ Doug Plank

“If my mother put on a helmet and shoulder pads and a uniform that wasn't the same as the one I was wearing, I'd run over her if she was in my way. And I love my mother.”

~ Bo Jackson



“Let's face it, you have to have a slightly recessive gene that has a little something to do with the brain to go out on the football field and beat your head against other human beings on a daily basis.”

~ Tim Green



“Nobody in football
should be called a genius.
A genius is a guy like
Norman Einstein.”

~ Joe Theismann





You have to play
this game like
someone just hit
your mother with a
two-by-four.”

~ Dan Birdwell



“Football incorporates the two worst elements of American society: violence punctuated by committee meetings.”

~ George Will



“Gentlemen,
This is a
football...”



"Excellence is achieved by the mastery of the fundamentals."



Hope



Love

Peace

Peace

joy \ ˈɔɪ \ n

[ME, fr. AF joie, fr. L gaudia, pl. of gaudium, fr. gaudēre to rejoice;
prob. akin to Gk gēthein to rejoice]

- 1a** the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires : delight
- b** the expression or exhibition of such emotion
- 2** a state of happiness or felicity : bliss
- 3** a source or cause of delight

Old Testament view of Joy

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Psalm 97:12

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.

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It is a command to
rejoice in God!

Old Testament view of Joy

Nehemiah 7:73-8:12

⁷³When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, ¹ all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

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Nehemiah 7:73-8:12

²So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

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⁴ Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam. ⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

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Nehemiah 7:73-8:12

⁷The Levites – Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah – instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. ⁸They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

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Nehemiah 7:73-8:12

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

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Nehemiah 7:73-8:12

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” ¹¹ The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a sacred day. Do not grieve.” ¹² Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

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The Joy of the Lord is our
strength.

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This strength is linked to the
character of God revealed in
Scripture

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Malachi 4:1, 2

¹“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.”

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There is a joy that is an eschatological joy, a happiness in the future of being with God.

New Testament view of Joy

Jesus

Luke 6:22-23

²²Blessed are you when men hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

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Joy is not circumstantial – it is in fact heightened during difficult times

New Testament view of Joy

Jesus

John 15:9-15

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

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Obedience to Jesus' commands,
especially his command to love
one another, brings joy

New Testament view of Joy

Jesus

John 16:17-24

¹⁷ Some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

New Testament view of Joy

Jesus

John 16:17-24

¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? ²⁰ I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

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Jesus

John 16:17-24

²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

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Being with Jesus is complete joy

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Asking the Risen Christ for things, and watching him answer also brings joy!

New Testament view of Joy
Paul

“For Paul, Christianity was the religion of joy as much as the religion of grace. Since all was of grace as far as his justification was concerned, one of the main consequences of his reconciliation with God was his ability to “rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 5:11), in spite of the afflictions, hardships and trials that came his way.”

~ William G. Morrice, Ph.D. University of Durham, Durham, England



Philippians 1:3-5

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.



Philippians 1:15-20

¹⁵It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.



Philippians 1:15-20

¹⁸But 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, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.



Philippians 1:15-20

²⁰I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.



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The expansion of the gospel
brings joy

Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.



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The preposition is VITAL to
Rejoicing “in” the Lord!

Philippians 4:4-7

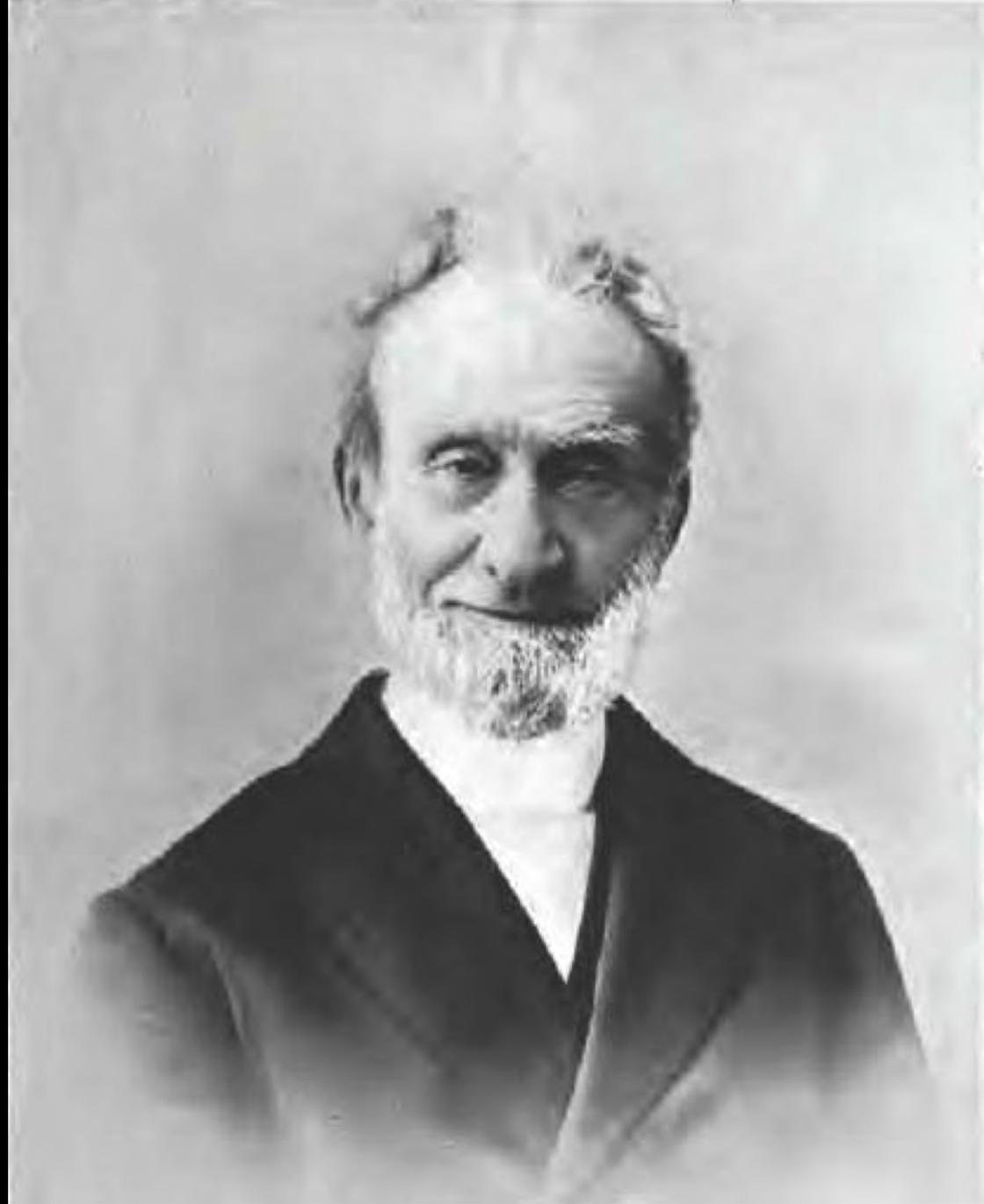
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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Anxiousness robs us of joy –
pouring out prayer is the
antidote



“According to my judgment the most important point to be attended to is this: above all things see to it that your souls are happy in the Lord. Other things may press upon you, the Lord's work may even have urgent claims upon your attention, but I deliberately repeat, it is of supreme and paramount importance that you should seek above all things to have your souls truly happy in God Himself! Day by day seek to make this the most important business of your life. This has been my firm and settled condition for the last five and thirty years. For the first four years after my conversion I knew not its vast importance, but now after much experience I specially commend this point to the notice of my younger brethren and sisters in Christ: the secret of all true effectual service is joy in God, having experimental acquaintance and fellowship with God Himself.”

~ George Mueller



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1. It is a command to rejoice in God!
2. The Joy of the Lord is our strength.
3. This strength is linked who God is revealed in Scripture
4. There is a joy that is rooted in a future of being with God.
5. Joy is not circumstantial – it is heightened during difficult times
6. Obedience to Jesus' commands, especially “love”, brings joy
7. Being with Jesus is complete joy.
8. Asking the Risen Christ for things, watching him answer brings joy!
9. The expansion of the gospel brings joy.
10. The preposition is VITAL to rejoicing “in” the Lord!
11. Anxiousness robs us of joy – pouring out prayer is the antidote.