

Let Us Rejoice Evermore

(1 Thessalonians 5:16)

Introduction:

1. According to this verse, God's people are to give careful attention to "rejoicing."
2. As we search the Scriptures we see that many similar appeals are made.
 - a. Psalm 40:16
 - b. Philippians 4:4
3. In our lesson we are considering several principles from the Bible that will help us to *"rejoice evermore."*

Discussion:

- I. LET US APPRECIATE THE BLESSINGS THAT GOD PROVIDES
 - A. He provides all good and perfect gifts (James 1:17).
 - B. He provides all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3).
 - C. He has given us *"all things that pertain unto life and godliness"* (2 Peter 1:3).
- II. LET US APPRECIATE OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES
 - A. Let us imitate Paul who appreciated his friend Timothy (2 Timothy 1:3-5).
 - B. The New Testament emphasizes "greetings" (1 Corinthians 16:20).
- III. LET US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN POSITIVE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:
 - A. laughter (Ecclesiastes 3:4; Proverbs 17:22a)
 - B. enjoying the blessings that God provides (Ecclesiastes 2:24; 3:12-13, 22; 5:18)
 - C. showing human kindness (Ephesians 4:32a)
 - D. showing love (Colossians 3:14)
 - E. showing peace (Romans 12:18; Matthew 5:9)
 - F. showing optimism (Philippians 4:13; 2:14-15).

Conclusion:

1. Joy plays a special role in the lives of God's people.
2. Practicing the principles that we covered will enable us to *"rejoice evermore."*