

General Topics :: JOY anyone go from a negative Nellie to a Joyful Joyce? A writer, book, help!

JOY anyone go from a negative Nellie to a Joyful Joyce? A writer, book, help! - posted by Pnatty (), on: 2016/4/16 11:57

I irritate myself that I lack Joy. I have always lacked joy. Born again, Im supposed to have the Joy of the Lord straight from the Holy Spirit as a fruit. I wish I was transformed in this area.

But maybe I have to work at it?

When I read about joy all I feel is condemnation from writers, maybe I dont have the Holy Spirit, maybe Im not really saved.

Paul had it. I want to sing in the dungeon and the sunshine.

A negative Nellie is such a poor ambassador of Christ.

Anyone feeling me here?

Any Gloomy Gus become a Joyful Jack by following the lead of the Holy Spirit to any materials that helped. That perhaps gave understanding of habits to be changed?

Re: JOY anyone go from a negative Nellie to a Joyful Joyce? A writer, book, help! - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/16 12:25

Dear sister,

A wonderful post, yes we must rest in the Lord and have joy or we are on our own journey forcing ourselves to do good. Joy comes from realizing what the Lord has done for us, not what we have done for the Lord.

Here are some messages on joy:

Restoration Of Joy by Bill McLeod

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=18187&commentView=itemComments>

Filled With Joy by Jim Cymbala

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=23675&commentView=itemComments>

Joy by George Verwer

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=19622&commentView=itemComments>

Maintaining Joy by Jim Wilson

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=17076&commentView=itemComments>

Re: JOY anyone go from a negative Nellie to a Joyful Joyce? A writer, book, help!, on: 2016/4/16 12:25

Hi Linda,

I think the greatest testimony sometimes can be when no one knows the trial that we are going through. I dont mean because of pride or shame. I mean because the Lord has strengthened us and enabled us and given us hope which leads to joy in the midst of the trial. We are peculiar people and one of the most peculiar aspects is that we can walk through the fires of life and they do not consume us, in fact, they strengthen us and this is a witness to the world.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/4/16 12:27

I pray every morning, that God would give me his Peace, his Patience, his Wisdom, his Strength and his Joy, and I'm believing that he does.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/4/16 12:30

Quote:

-----appolus....HI Linda,I think the greatest testimony sometimes can be when no one knows the trial that we are going through.

Brother Frank, God knows and he is someone, correct?

Re: - posted by Pnutty (), on: 2016/4/16 14:55

Greg! Thank you so much. I listened to all. And the last by Jim Wilson really pulled it together and I understood it and I know what to do.

The lack of Joy, the withdrawl of Joy is Gods discipline. Sin causes a lack or flight of Joy. Get started confessing known sin.

I just have not been doing that! I confess!

Because what would be the point of constant Joy while sinning? There is a great chastisement in loss of Joy because of sinning. Would I rather have joy or continue to sin or not confess sin?

I chose Joy!

Then too Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice.

And I spose that means if Im not rejoicing Imust be grumbling or complaining or murmuring. And if not that, then I am patting myself on the back, saying what I good job I did. And if not that then forgetting the joy of salvation that is mine no matter what, what the Lord has done for me and will do for me.

I have lots of work to do!

My Joy is gone due to SIN! And if I confess everything I can, He cleanses us from everything else.

Re: , on: 2016/4/16 18:24

Wee bit nick picky there Mr Bill, that, of course, was the point.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by Pnutty (), on: 2016/4/16 18:46

Mr Bill and Frank, had I a ruler Id smack you both with it.

When the religious show up conflict results. Are you spiritual or are you religious?

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/4/16 18:56

Quote:

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Linda, Mr. Bill will go stand in the corner for 30 minutes.:-)

Re: , on: 2016/4/16 19:51

I have always reacted badly to nonsense Linda :).....bro Frank

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2016/4/16 20:23

Brother Frank, my post wasn't nonsense, it was merely technically speaking, lot of difference. :-)

Re: , on: 2016/4/16 21:12

One man's technicality is another man's nonsense :)Memo to SI forum readers, God is everywhere and knows everything :)bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/4/16 21:50

Sister Linda,
What an awesome post, thank you for bringing this up!

"if I'm not rejoicing I must be grumbling or complaining or murmuring. And if not that, then I am patting myself on the back, saying what a good job I did. And if not that then forgetting the joy of salvation that is mine no matter what, what the Lord has done for me and will do for me."

Agree with you 100%...this must become our daily, hourly...unceasing habit!!!

Re: JOY anyone go from a negative Nellie to a Joyful Joyce? A writer, book, help! - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2016/4/16 22:00

Linda,

I am not so sure one can force you to make joy or be joyful.

Joy results when something really delights you.

When I read, study the WORD, realizing this is God's love letter to me (and others as well) telling me so much about himself, my heart fills with awe at his greatness. With the WORD speaking to you and absorbing the message therein you get a glimpse of who God is. Linda, this is pure delight!

I also look at nature, the colors, the birds, the flowers - God made them all. I know of no artist that even comes close to matching the creativity of God as demonstrated by his creation. This is pure delight, Linda. I deeply appreciate how he has revealed himself to me via nature and the written word.

He is intelligent, so wise so awesome...don't know of anyone who comes anywhere near close.

When I read how dumb and stupid perverted men are I get angry because they destroy the beauty God made for his glory and our enjoyment. And then I am so glad God will someday destroy the works of evil men.

God just is and no one will ever come close to matching Him in his beauty and power and wisdom. He is awesome. I love it. Don't you?

My take on joy...and God bless.

Sandra Miller