

Joy Inexpressible – I John 1:3-9

- Marie Holmes (\$127 Million) – Gave a tithe to her Baptist church. Pastor then sued her because she pledged to donate more.
- Bud Post (\$16.2 Million) - \$1 Million in debt within one year. Brother arrested for hiring a hit man to kill him in the hopes of inheriting some of the winnings. “I was much happier when I was broke.”
- Andrew Whitaker (\$114 Million) - \$545,000 stolen out of his car. \$200,000 stolen the same way one year later. Sued by Caesar’s for bouncing \$1.5 Million in checks. “I wish I would have torn up the ticket.”
- Billy Bob Harrell Jr (\$31 Million) – Couldn’t say “no” to people who asked for money. Divorced. Committed suicide. “Winning the lottery was the worst thing that ever happened to me.”



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Definition

Happiness – an emotional response to the environment

Joy – A state of mind, of being. Perpetual gladness of the heart

Source

Happiness – Arises from what happens to us and around us

Joy – Originates from God (John 15:1-11). We choose to have it, and we choose to give it up.

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Longevity

Happiness – Temporary

Joy – Lives within us for our entire lives whatever our circumstances

Transformative Power

Happiness – Does not change who we are

Joy – Can change us at our core

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Sufficiency

Joy enables us to be independent and self-reliant.

Benefit

Joy helps us live in and appreciate the present

Joy is selfless

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Finding Joy



John 15:1-11 - “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

Matthew 13:44-45 - Parables of Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Price

Galatians 5:22-23 - “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control.”