

The Word in Meditation

JOY OF THE LORD

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Hello my friend, and welcome to the Word in Meditation. You know, I sure love God and all He is and has! I wouldn't trade Him for anything. I've been on the other side and there is no comparison, praise God! This is the only way to live! Let's pray.

Lord Father, we bless and praise you for this time we have together. Teach us, we pray. Open the eyes of our understanding so we may see these important truths. In Jesus Name we pray, amen.

Our scripture is John 15:10-11 where it says "If you keep my commandments you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

Yesterday, we were reading the line, "If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love." If we do not observe to do the commandments of God and we know about them there is evidence that we do not love God. If we say we love God, and do not intent to live the way God wants, we are a liar and the truth is not in us. We are a liar because, for one thing, we would say we are a Christian yet hold truth in unrighteousness. Next, we lie to people. Hypocrites, and we lie to our ourselves. Trying to tell ourselves that we are faithful disciples when we are not. And we lie to God who sees what goes on in our hearts. How then can we lie to God? By professing even to Him of being a faithful disciple ad yet not living by what He said to do. Do you understand? F If we love god we keep His commandments. That reference is John 14:15, and that is just the way it is. Jesus set the example to follow so we are without excuse.

Let us, friends, observe to do what God says. Continually. What you see the error of your way because of the Word of God, you want to do what is right, yet don't know how. I am glad you asked.

First confess it. *Tell* God just *exactly* how you feel. He knows already anyway. He looks on your heart and sees you are genuine. He forgives and washes you. Even while you are yet speaking. Then, you would want Him to do something, to remove the hate. See, we can't do anything on our own. God knows just how to do it. So, ask Him. Tell Him what you want, and before long, the walls of hate cave in and love triumphs. How do we know this is true? 1 John 3:22 says, "And whatsoever we ask we receive of Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

To be loving is pleasing to Him, and love is like water against the sand. It will erode the hate away until there is only love. Pure, pure love. No, it doesn't come overnight, but it definitely comes. *Thank* God for the answer to your prayer. Thank Him for showing His love through you.

We have talked about commandments because it is the second rung on the ladder to spiritual maturity, and an absolute essential for joy. Stay with me friends, this is important material. Until tomorrow, go with God!

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