

The Word in Meditation

JOY OF THE LORD

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Praise God, what a beautiful day in the Lord! *Welcome* to the Word in Meditation friends, I am glad you could join us! Don't forget to send in your letters of support stating your desire to hear this program on KPDQ AM as well as FM. Your letters are important in determine the expansion of this radio ministry. You are *very much* a part of this ministry. Write me today and God bless you for it! Let's pray.

Father, we pray in these few minutes that you will teach us your truth in Jesus' Name, for we want to grow up to be strong in you. We thank you for it, amen.

If you have been listening the last couple of days, and have had your toes stepped on, remember, I said before that I wouldn't water the word down to make it taste good. These things I am teaching you have been taught to me full strength, also. You know, Castor oil doesn't taste very good, but it sure does work. Even in the Word of God, the end result is what counts; so, you may stand before God, blameless. A workman that needs not be ashamed. Okay?

John 15:10-11 is out text. Here 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."

We will talk about verse 11, "these things have I spoken to you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

The question I asked when I read this the first time was, "What things?" I realized very quickly that those 'things' were the words He had just spoken!

It is a beautiful thing with God that He always tells why a thing is so. *Always!* He says here that if you keep His *words*. Observe to do them. *Lives* by the, His joy *will* remain in you. On the other hand, His joy will not be there if we *don't* keep His words. *Why?* Because Jesus *is* the Word of God. Jesus said in John 6:63 that His words are spirit and they are life to all that find them. What does that have to do with Joy? If you want the joy of living you have *got* to have the Word *in* you.

When you *live* by something it is because it is in you hear in *abundance*. Now, the words just don't jump into you. You talk the Word of God, read the Word of God, *listen* to the Word of God, think and meditate on the Word of God. In short, our life is *centered* around the Word of

God. It *must* have first place in our lives; not soap operas. Lawyer shows or anything else. Anything less than a full commitment to the Word of God will leave us joy-less and powerless. We'll be trampled by the enemy and pushed around by every wind of doctrine, just to name a few.

If a person want joy, then we have to do something. Jesus tells us how. As you read the whole chapter, see that even in asking for things it takes commitment to the Word of god.. That is why a lot of prayer are not answered. Even though God has provided a way. Well, time is gone again. Please return tomorrow same time.

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