

# Monday

## Stop Diluting Your Joy

### Psalm 100:2 (AMPC)

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing!

### 1 Peter 1:8 (AMPC)

Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.

### Deuteronomy 28:47-48 (NIV)

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### Nehemiah 8:10 (AMPC)

Then [Ezra] told them, Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet drink, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold.

## Psalm 37:13 (AMPC)

The Lord laughs at [the wicked], for He sees that their own day [of defeat] is coming.

## John 16:33 (AMPC)

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## Philippians 4:4 (AMPC)

Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!

## John 10:10 (AMPC)

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## John 16:24 (ESV)

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

## John 15:11 (NIV)

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

## John 17:13 (AMPC)

And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, filling their hearts].

## Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMPC)

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

## 1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

## Proverbs 18:2 (NIV)

Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.

## 1 Peter 4:15 (NIV)

If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

## Tuesday

### It's Time for an Upgrade Part 1

## Romans 14:17 (AMP)

for the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking [what one likes], but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

## 2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].

## Acts 7:9-10 (AMP)

“The [ten elder] patriarchs, overwhelmed with jealousy, sold [their younger brother] Joseph into [slavery in] Egypt; but God was with him, and He rescued him from all his suffering, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made Joseph governor over Egypt and over his entire household.

## Wednesday

# It's Time for an Upgrade Part 2

### Philippians 2:5 (AMP)

Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus [look to Him as your example in selfless humility],

### Philippians 2:6 (AMP)

who, although He existed in the form and unchanging essence of God [as One with Him, possessing the fullness of all the divine attributes—the entire nature of deity], did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped or asserted [as if He did not already possess it, or was afraid of losing it];

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### Matthew 26:51-54 (AMP)

And one of those who were with Jesus reached out and drew his sword, and struck [Malchus] the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back in its place; for all those who habitually draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will immediately provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?” FootnotesMatthew 26:51John identified this “one” as Peter. Matthew 26:53A legion equaled 6,000 troops.

## Matthew 5:44 (AMP)

But I say to you, love [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for] your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, FootnotesMatthew 5:44The key to understanding this and other statements about love is to know that this love (the Greek word agape) is not so much a matter of emotion as it is of doing things for the benefit of another person, that is, having an unselfish concern for another and a willingness to seek the best for another.

## Romans 12:2 (AMP)

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]. FootnotesRomans 12:2From the Greek word meaning “metamorphosis.” Refers to the process that leads to an outward, permanent change.

## Thursday

# The Danger in the Painless Path Part 1

## John 10:10 (AMP)

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## 1 Peter 3:2 (AMP)

when they see your modest and respectful behavior [together with your devotion and appreciation—love your husband, encourage him, and enjoy him as a blessing from God].

## John 8:31-32 (AMP)

So Jesus was saying to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word [continually obeying My teachings and living in accordance with them, then] you are truly My disciples. And you will know the truth [regarding salvation], and the truth will set you free [from the penalty of sin].”

## Mark 2:17 (AMP)

When Jesus heard this, He said to them, “Those who are healthy have no need of a physician, but [only] those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners [who recognize their sin and humbly seek forgiveness].”

## Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)

For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

## Matthew 7:13-14 (AMP)

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad and easy to travel is the path that leads the way to destruction and eternal loss, and there are many who enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow and difficult to travel is the path that leads the way to [everlasting] life, and there are few who find it.

## Luke 22:44 (AMP)

And being in agony [deeply distressed and anguished; almost to the point of death], He prayed more intently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down on the ground. Footnotes Luke 22:44A potentially life-threatening physical response to extreme physical or mental stress, hematomas.

## Galatians 6:9 (AMP)

Let us not grow weary or become discouraged in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap, if we do not give in.

## Romans 14:10-11 (AMP)

But you, why do you criticize your brother? Or you again, why do you look down on your [believing] brother or regard him with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God [who alone is judge]. For it is written [in Scripture], “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me , And every tongue shall give praise to God .”

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## Friday

# The Danger in the Painless Path Part 2

## Jeremiah 17:8 (AMPC)



For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit.

## Matthew 7:16 (AMPC)

You will fully recognize them by their fruits. Do people pick grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?  
FootnotesMatthew 7:16Marvin Vincent, Word Studies.

## Hebrews 5:9-10 (AMPC)

And, [His completed experience] making Him perfectly [equipped], He became the Author and Source of eternal salvation to all those who give heed and obey Him, Being designated and recognized and saluted by God as High Priest after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek.  
FootnotesHebrews 5:10Alexander Souter, Pocket Lexicon. Hebrews 5:10Joseph Thayer, A Greek-English Lexicon.

## Exodus 14:15 (AMPC)

The Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward!

## 1 Samuel 16:1 (AMPC)

16 The Lord said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided for Myself a king among his sons.