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★ **DON'T BE ROBBED OF JOY** ★

Philippians 4:4-5



This is it. Don't get scared now.

JOHN 10:10 (NIV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1

How do you find yourself being **robbed of joy**?

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5 (ESV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

PHILIPPIANS 3:14 (ESV)

I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

2

Rejoice **in the Lord.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:1 (ESV)

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord.

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3

Rejoice in the Lord **ALWAYS.**

DR. DAN WILSON

Joy is not the absence of sadness or grief. It's a sense of wellbeing that comes from being in the presence of the Lord.

PSALM 16:11 (ESV)

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;

JOHN PIPER

Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as He causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world.

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control;

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (ESV)
against such things there is no law.

JOHN 15:5 (ESV)

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit,

JOHN 15:5 (ESV)

for apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:11 (ESV)

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be full.

TONY MERIDA

It's not about getting what you want; but it's about being grateful for all we have in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:5

- ESV Let your **reasonableness** be known to everyone.
The Lord is at **hand**.
- NASB Let your **gentle spirit** be known to all people.
The Lord is **near**.
- NIV Let your **gentleness** be evident to all.
The Lord is **near**.
- NLT Let everyone see that you are **considerate in all you do**. Remember, the Lord is **coming soon**.

4

Rejoice in the Lord **in a reasonable way to everyone.**

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You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;

NEHEMIAH 8:10 (ESV)
the joy of the Lord is your strength.





ROMANS 12:12 (ESV)

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

5

Rejoice in the Lord **because He is near/at hand.**

PSALM 34:18 (ESV)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

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