

IV. **ENGAGE** THE BIBLE EVERY DAY

“holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”

Philippians 2:16

- **Eat** the Word everyday.

“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.”

Jeremiah 15:16

- **Follow** the Word in every way.

“33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.”

Psalms 119:33-34

V. **SERVE** GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

“17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.”

Philippians 2:17-18

- View your service as a **spiritual sacrifice** to God.

“4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” I Peter 2:4-5

- People may forget your service, but **God** will never forget.

“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

Hebrews 6:10

GO BEYOND HAPPINESS AND CHOOSE #JOY

JOY

Beyond Happiness The Daily Joy Workout Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. Have you lost your joy in a negative world? God is the source of true joy. No matter what circumstances you face, He will provide extreme joy in your life!

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”

Philippians 4:4

Joy is an internal choice of hope based on my belief in Jesus Christ.

- B. The book of Philippians is my favorite book of the Bible:

1. It is a **personal** book that reveals a lot about Paul.
2. It is a **practical** book that deals with relevant issues.
3. It is a **positive** book that focuses on joy.

- C. In this powerful study of the book of Philippians, you'll discover the difference between happiness and joy, and how you can experience the lasting joy that God wants for your life.

Apr 21	The Joy Of Easter
Apr 28	Building Joyful Relationships
May 5	Finding Joy Through Suffering
May 12	Experiencing Joy When You're Stressed
May 19	The Secret Of Joy In Conflict
TODAY	The Daily Joy Workout
Jun 2	The Keys To Eternal Joy
Jun 9	The Joy Of Doing Right
Jun 16	Discovering Joy Through Service
Jun 24	The Joy Of Generous Living

- D. **Text:** Philippians 2:12-18 (Pew Bible/Page 204/New Test.)

THE DAILY JOY WORKOUT

I. **LIVE** OUT YOUR SALVATION

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;”

Philippians 2:12

- Salvation is **personal**.

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

- Salvation is **progressive**.

*“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

II. **ACCEPT** GOD’S PLAN

“for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

Philippians 2:13

- God is **forming** you.

“1The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:

2 “Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.”

3 Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel.

4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

6 “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?” says the LORD. “Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!”

Jeremiah 18:1-6

- God is **for** you.

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Romans 8:31

III. **PRESENT** A POSITIVE TESTIMONY

*“14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,
15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,”*

Philippians 2:14-15

- What you **say**.

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”

Ephesians 4:29

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.”

Matthew 12:36

- What you **do**.

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”

Ephesians 5:8

2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.”

II Corinthians 3:2-3