

III. OBEY THE RIGHT **LORD** (4:1-5)

A. Stand **fast** in the Lord (v1).

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”
I Corinthians 15:58

B. Be of the same **mind** in the Lord (v2).

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

C. Help **one another** in the Lord (v3).

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:15

D. **Rejoice** in the Lord (v4).

“For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.” Psalm 33:21

E. Be **gentle** in the Lord (v5).

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”
Galatians 6:1

GO BEYOND HAPPINESS AND CHOOSE #JOY

JOY Beyond Happiness The Joy Of Doing Right 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
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TODAY	The Joy Of Doing Right
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- D. **Text:** Philippians 3:17-4:5 (Pew Bible/Page 205/New Test.)

THE JOY OF DOING RIGHT

I, FOLLOW THE RIGHT **PEOPLE** (3:17-18)

A. **Look** for Godly examples (v17).

“He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.”

Proverbs 13:20

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”

I Corinthians 11:1

B. **Avoid** ungodly examples (v18).

“Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

I Corinthians 15:33

“13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Matthew 7:13-14

II. CHOOSE THE RIGHT **VALUES** (3:19-21)

A. Do not choose the value system of the **world** (v19).

“15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

I John 2:15-17

People who focus on worldly values...

- v19a - Their **end** is destruction (the world is passing away).
- v19b - Their **god** is their belly (lust of the flesh).
- v19c - Their **glory** is their shame (pride of life).
- v19d - Their **mind** is on earthly things (lust of the eyes).

B. Do choose the value system of **God** (vs 20-21).

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

Colossians 3:1-2

People who focus on Godly values...

- Their **home** is heaven (v20a).
“But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”
Hebrews 11:16
- Their **help** is Jesus Christ (v20b).
*“1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”* John 14:1-3
- Their **hope** is transformation (v21).
“For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,”
II Corinthians 5:2