

B. Paul relied on God's power by depending on the prayers of the believers and the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

<sup>19</sup> *"For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,"*  
Philippians 1:19

<sup>18</sup> *"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—*

<sup>19</sup> *and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,"*  
Ephesians 6:18-19

<sup>7</sup> *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7*

#### IV. ALWAYS LIVE FOR GOD'S PURPOSE TO BE FULL OF JOY

A. Joy Killer #4: Living for the things of this world.

Four things that people live for:

- Possessions
- Pleasure
- Prestige
- Popularity

B. Paul lived for God's purpose by magnifying Christ.

<sup>20</sup> *"according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*

<sup>21</sup> *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."*  
Philippians 1:20-21

<sup>31</sup> *"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31*

**JOY: EXPERIENCE JOY AT ALL TIMES**

## JUICY FRUIT Transform Your Character

**Joy: Experiencing Joy At All Times**  
Pastor Steve Reynolds

### Introduction:

A. When life squeezes you, what character spills out?

Character matters.

Your true character is revealed during adversity. Unfortunately, many times, what spills out is not positive.

It's time to transform your character and experience the "juicy life" found through the Fruit Of The Spirit.

B. Join us for our 9-week Fall Spiritual Growth Campaign and Teaching Series called JUICY FRUIT: TRANSFORM YOUR CHARACTER. Each week we will do a deep dive into one of the nine fruits of the Spirit. These are godly character traits that God wants to develop in your life.

<sup>22</sup> *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

<sup>23</sup> *gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."*  
Galatians 5:22-23

Oct 4 Love: Being The Hands & Feet Of Jesus

TODAY Joy: Experiencing Joy At All Times

Oct 18 Peace: Overcoming Worry & Conflict

Oct 25 Patience: Trusting God While You Wait

Nov 1 Kindness: Showing Genuine Care

Nov 8 Goodness: Choosing To Do Right

Nov 15 Faithfulness: Unwavering Commitment To God

Nov 22 Gentleness: Managing Anger

Nov 29 Self-Control: Mastering Impulses & Actions

**TEXT:** Philippians 1:12-21

The Key Verse For Juicy Fruit Joy:

<sup>18</sup> *"What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice."*  
Philippians 1:18

## HOW TO EXPERIENCE JOY AT ALL TIMES

Here is what the “juicy life” process looks like:

Fruit of the Spirit plus Consistency plus Time equals Godly Character.

### I. ALWAYS FOCUS ON GOD’S PERSPECTIVE TO BE FULL OF JOY

#### A. Joy Killer #1: Focusing on your perspective.

Two perspectives:

- Your perspective: Why is this happening to me?
- God's perspective: What is God seeking to do?

#### B. Paul focused on God's perspective by recognizing that his imprisonment had led to the evangelism of unsaved and the encouragement of the saved.

<sup>12</sup> *"But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,*

<sup>13</sup> *so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;*

<sup>14</sup> *and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear."*      Philippians 1:12-14

<sup>28</sup> *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

<sup>29</sup> *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."*      Romans 8:28-29

### II. ALWAYS MAJOR ON GOD’S PRIORITY TO BE FULL OF JOY

#### A. Joy Killer #2: Majoring on petty disagreements.

#### B. Paul majored on God's priority by preaching the gospel and not arguing over trivial matters.

<sup>15</sup> *"Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:*

<sup>16</sup> *The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;*

<sup>17</sup> *but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.*

<sup>18</sup> *What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice."*      Philippians 1:15-18

<sup>24</sup> *"And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,"*

II Timothy 2:24

<sup>19</sup> *"serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;*

<sup>20</sup> *how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,*

<sup>21</sup> *testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>22</sup> *And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,*

<sup>23</sup> *except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.*

<sup>24</sup> *But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."*

Acts 20:19-24

### III. ALWAYS RELY ON GOD’S POWER TO BE FULL OF JOY

#### A. Joy Killer #3: Relying on your own strength.