



Joy to the World

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Introduction:

- Joy and Happiness
- Feeling great about Jesus as Savior

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." **Luke 2:8-10**

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven... a time to laugh. **Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4**

Joy to the World and myself

1. _____ for my own attitude

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **Philippians 4:11-12**

2. Develop a _____ for life

To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. **Ecclesiastes 5:19**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28**

3. _____ positive in everything

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. **Philippians 4:8**

4. _____ positive in every conversation

Kind words are like honey - sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. **Proverbs 16:24**

Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips. **Psalms 141:3**

5. _____ to God and others daily

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Phil. 4:6-7**

Next Steps:

- Re-read today's Bible verses this week
- I will take responsibility for myself in tough situations and choose a good attitude
- I will find something positive to say in my conversations (beginning today before I leave)
- I will express my gratitude to God and to _____ every day this week (starting a new habit)
- _____