

The Fruits of the Spirit

Joy

How was your week?

Is there any Spiritual struggles in your life we can help you with?

Explain the meaning of Happiness?

Explain the meaning of Joy?

Is it possibly for someone to maintain Joy while living in this world?

Why is it we sometimes feel we cannot?

Where's the balance between not denying our feelings and yet not living by feelings, but by faith?

Discuss: Is depression a sin? Always? Never? Sometimes?

Agree/disagree: Every Christian can know God's abiding joy.

Philippians 4:4-9

What do you think it means to rejoice? Smile and laugh excitedly?

When are we to rejoice?

How can you rejoice even during trials or disappointments?

How can we let our gentle spirit be known to all men?

Is verse 6 a suggestion?

Is worry something that you can control?

Why are we not supposed to worry?

What is one thing that sometimes causes you to worry?

What might be the difference between concern and worry?

What is worrying good for?

What does it mean to pray to God "in everything?"

*If God already knows everything that we are thinking and experiencing, why is it important to take everything to Him in prayer?

*Share an example of something you're thankful for.

*What is something about a trial that you are thankful for?

*Why does it say that this peace is beyond understanding?

*Have you ever experienced this kind of peace? When?

John 15:11-14

Why does "love one another as I have loved you" sound familiar?

Does Jesus' command for us to "love one another as I have loved you" confine us to loving only Christians - "disciples" - as He loved us?

What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?.

Realistically, can we really lay down our life for other Christians, let alone for our "neighbors"?

Why does Jesus elevate them from "servants" to His "friends" now

How can we abide in His love? What does this mean?

What does "My joy" mean? What was Jesus' joy?

Explain the phrase "go and bear fruit".

Explain the meaning of he is the vine and we are the branches.

Psalms 32:1-7

Was receiving forgiveness of sin more difficult then – than it is today?

What is a spirit of deceit?

Is guilt a major problem or not enough of a problem in our culture? Have we explained it all away?

How can we know whether our guilt is from God convicting us or from Satan accusing us?

Must confession involve contrition to be genuine? Cite biblical evidence.

How can we develop a tender conscience before God? Can our conscience be too tender?

Acts 20:35

When did Jesus say it is more blessed to give than receive?

Why is it more blessed to give than receive?

What kind of giving is he talking about here?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-16

How can we rejoice always even when things aren't going well or according to plan?

What does it mean to pray without ceasing?

How can you improve your prayer life in the coming year?

How can we give thanks in everything?

What principles from the Bible can help us to do this?

What does this mean it is Gods will for you?

James 1:2-4

Romans 14:17