

CONTAGIOUS JOY - BIBLE STUDY

“Women of Faith Ministry Authors (9)

“Rejoice With Me”



Times: Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00

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You don’t even have to purchase a book and don’t worry if you miss some of the lessons, come on when you are able. If you want you can purchase the “E-BOOK” for only \$1.99 at Christianbook.com and or purchase the small book for only \$5.00. The study is very simple and life applicable for spiritual growth, encouragement, joy, and knowledge. We are excited about making new friends and have great fellowship!

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(Copied from our Contagious Study Book in Chapter Nine)

How can we love God with everything and our neighbor as ourselves if we do not sacrificially give of ourselves with joy? In looking for the big opportunities to “perform” as a Christian, how many small God-given opportunities to love with depth do we miss? **Shelia Walsh**

I’m a part of a caring little community. We’re from all over the place, yet we all consider ourselves friends. Not a day goes by that we don’t check in with each other. We’re a chatty bunch on the whole. We crack jokes and laugh together. We ask questions that pose riddles to get one another thinking. We’re unstinting in our compliments, shameless in our flattery, generous to a fault. We love to use our creativity to surprise each other. We keep each other’s mailboxes filled with little delights. We encourage one another, inspire one another, trust one another, and rejoice with each other.

This is a good picture of what the Lord wants for Christians to experience within the Church. We’re to form a strong community caring, encouraging, trusting. Have you formed a circle of friends from within your congregation—a Sunday school class, Bible study group, ministry team? Do you find excuses to surprise and encourage one another regularly? It’s amazing how joy can flourish when joy is shared?

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Study Questions Chapter Nine

1. What does Paul say would give him great joy in **Romans 15:32**?
2. What does **Philemon 1:20** say accompanies the joy Paul derives from his friends?
3. Fellow believers and friends can be a source of great cheer. What does **Psalms 133:1-3** have to say about this kind of refreshment?
4. What is the promise of **Proverbs 11:25**?
5. Paul gave his life in the service for others. What did Paul call his ministry team in **2 Corinthians 1:24**? Why did Paul say he would remain with the new believers in **Philippians 1:25**? According to **1 Thessalonians 2:19-20**, what is Paul's joy?
6. You will need the book for this one, it will be matching verses, if you don't have book we can research them in our class.
7. What tool do we have that can spread the most joy to those around us, according to **Proverbs 15:23** and **Proverbs 18:4**?
8. What is Paul's prayer for all believers in **Romans 15:5-6**?
9. There's no denying that it can be difficult to live in harmony with other people. We're all so different, and those differences can sometimes stir up feelings of jealousy, resentment, dislike, disgruntlement, and the like. That's why Paul urged Christians to strive for harmony. What list of admonitions does he give in **2 Corinthians 13:11**?

Digging Deeper: When we're sharing our joy with others, it might be wise to bear in mind the wise words of Solomon in **Proverbs 27:14** – especially before our morning coffee!

Trinkets to Treasure: As we're finding ways to rejoice with one another this week, our trinket simply must be a bolster pillow. Plump it up and plunk it down somewhere you'll see it often. It'll remind you that we're all part of a community that God put together to bolster one another's faith and to rejoice together with Him.