

# HOW TO BE JOYFUL NO MATTER WHAT

## How to Enjoy the Rest of Your Life - Part 2

**Philippians 1:18** "... I rejoice ... and I will continue to rejoice."

### THE FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR JOYFUL LIVING

#### I. I NEED A PERSPECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 1:12** "Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel."

**Philippians 1:13** "As a result it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ."

**Philippians 1:14** "Because of my chains most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly."

**Romans 8:28** "And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him ... "

**LESSON: God has a purpose behind \_\_\_\_\_**

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#### II. I NEED A PRIORITY \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 1:15-16** "Not only am I in prison, but if you want to kick a man while he's down there are guys out there attacking my ministry. They're jealous, envious, rivaling me. Other ministers are criticizing me while I am in prison."

**Philippians 1:18** "But what does it matter? THE IMPORTANT THING is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice."

**Proverbs 3:6 (LB)** "In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

**LESSON: Focus on what** \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. I NEED A POWER** \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 1:19-20** "... I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed ..."

**Philippians 4:13 (GN)** "I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me."

**LESSON: With God's power** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. I NEED A PURPOSE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 1:21** "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain"

**Philippians 3:13-14** "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

**LESSON: The secret of joy is** \_\_\_\_\_