



## **THE DIVINE ORDER OF JOY**

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1. Abide in \_\_\_\_\_.

To "abide" means to live in or make your dwelling.

2. Learn to delight in the things \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 15:11 (AMP)** *I have told you these things so that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full and complete and overflowing.*

3. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ first and your joy will follow.

## **JOY JAMMERS**

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## **FULLNESS OF JOY**

Joy is not about getting something else, its about

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Joy is the \_\_\_\_\_ we possess by knowing and trusting God regardless of our circumstances.

**Psalm 119:1-2, 92 (VOICE)** *Happy [blessed, joyful] are the people who walk with integrity, who live according to the teachings of the Eternal. Happy are the people who keep His decrees [walk in His ways], who pursue Him wholeheartedly . . . 92 If I had not found joy in Your guidance, then I would have died from my misery. I will never forget Your precepts, for through them You have given me life.*

## HOW DO WE IN-JOY OUR SUMMER

1. If you've lost some joy \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to get your joy back.

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3. Give God the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Don't disconnect \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Look to do something special for \_\_\_\_\_.



## **THE DIVINE ORDER OF JOY – [4 Niagra Falls Slides]**

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1. Abide in **God's Love**.

To "abide" means to live in or make your dwelling.

2. Learn to delight in the things **God delights in**.

**John 15:11 (AMP)** *I have told you these things so that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full and complete and overflowing.*

3. Focus on **God's joy** (things that make God happy) first and your joy will follow.

## **JOY JAMMERS**

- **Selfishness**. Me, Myself, and I. On our trip there were times the kids fought over what they wanted to do.
- **Sin and Guilt**. Disobedience stops the joy flow. When our children disobey, very often they miss out.
- **Bitterness**. Life is messy. Even people who love us can at times do things that hurt us. You have to let it go.
- **Fear**. We shrink back. The kids were a little concerned about the "Maid of the Mist" boat ride. [Boat Slide]

## FULLNESS OF JOY

Joy is not about getting something else, its about **someone else** - the source of true joy. Joy is the **positive confidence** we possess by knowing and trusting God regardless of our circumstances.

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## HOW DO WE IN-JOY OUR SUMMER

1. If you've lost some joy **admit it**. Joy is a choice.
2. **Choose** to get your joy back. Selfishness, sin, and bitterness are all choices. So is selflessness, rightouesness, and forgiveness. Putting God first is a choice. Joy is the byproduct of God's divine order:

J **esus**  
O **thers**  
Y **ourself**

3. Give God the **first place**. Start the day with Him.
4. Don't disconnect **from church**. Satan wants to get you out of the routine of church – away from faith-filled people.
5. Look to do something special for **other people** [Kissing Slide].