



Pekin First Nazarene

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

²²“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”

“Joy is never in our power & pleasure often is.” - C. S. Lewis

James 1:2 (NLT)

“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.”

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.”

- Happiness is an emotion.
- Joy is a state of being.

John 16:22 (NLT)

“So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.”

Philippians 4:4 (NLT)

“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!”

1 Peter 1:8 (NLT)

“You love Him even though you have never seen Him. Though you do not see Him now, you trust Him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.”

- Joy is God-centered and happiness is self-centered.