

# *W's* GUARD YOUR JOY: BEWARE OF JOY ROBBERS

## WORSHIP

### *SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS*

Praise, Again I Say Rejoice, In Control, In Christ Alone, I Speak Jesus

## WELCOME

What are you willing to do to guard what's precious to you?

## READ IT!

## WORD

### PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 (READ THE REST OF CHAPTER 4)

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### ***PARAPHRASE IT!***

Restate the verses in your own words.

### ***TALK ABOUT IT!***

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about guarding your joy?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

### ***POINT IT OUT***

INTRO: Philippians 4:4-5, Psalm 16:11, Acts 13:52

1. **WORRY** (Philippians 4:6-7, Matthew 6:31-34)
2. **WRONG THINKING** (Philippians 4:8, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Joshua 1:8)
3. **COVETOUSNESS** (Exodus 20:17, Ephesians 5:5, Philippians 4:10-20, Hebrews 13:5, 1 Timothy 6:6-7, Acts 20:35, Luke 6:35, Psalm 34:8,10)

# WORKS

## ***APPLY IT!***

Based on this lesson on “*GUARD YOUR JOY: BEWARE OF JOY ROBBERS*”, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

### **PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION**

Pray against the “joy robbers” in the lives of your family, friends, and loved ones. Teach them about the contentment that comes from trusting in the Lord. Start by introducing them to Jesus, that they believe in Him as their Savior and Lord.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

#### **Philippians 4:4**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

### **WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS**

- I.       **Thanksgiving**
  - Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.
- II.       **Country and the World**
  - Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
  - For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God’s Word.
  - War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented.
  - Continue to pray for the rest of Israeli hostages to be restored to their families safely. Pray for Israel and the war with terrorists to end according to God’s purpose and for His glory.
  - For the civil war in Syria to end peacefully, protection for Christians and other minorities, freedom from oppression for Syrians. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the country.
  - Pray for the Sudanese people and the persecuted Christians there; earnestly seek God’s intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God’s word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- III.      **Church**
  - That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
  - Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
  - Ministries and churches expand worldwide.
- IV.      **CCF Facilities**
  - Worship and Training Center
  - Prayer Mountain
- V.        **Personal Concerns**
  - Deeper intimate relationship with God.
  - Righteous living.
  - Salvation of family and friends.

