

What a mixed bag 2023 will be It will make history. Will we? Key:

- The ___ of the Lord is our strength (Neh. 8:10)
- ...in Your presence there is fullness of ___ (Psa 16:11)
- Count it all ___ our brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds... (Jam 1:2)
- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, ___ peace, patience, kindness... (Gal 5:22)
- ... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the ___ that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God... (Heb 12:1-2)

Jesus gleefully tells us (Luke 12:32)

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ESV, KJV, NKJV

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. NASB

So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. NLT

So don't ever be afraid, dearest friends! Your loving Father joyously gives you his kingdom realm with all its promises! TPT

It's a package deal!!! (Romans 14:17)

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and **joy** in the Holy Ghost (Spirit). ESV, KJV, NKJV, NASB, NIV

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and **joy** in the Holy Ghost. NLT

God's kingdom isn't a matter of what you put in your stomach, for goodness' sake. It's what God does with your life as he sets it right, puts it together, and completes it with **joy**. MSG

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of rules about food and drink, but is in the realm of the Holy Spirit, filled with righteousness, peace, and **joy**. TPT

God's joy is present when He is. What hinders Jesus and His joy?

- Spiritual disorders
 - Scripturexia
 - Holy Spirit estrangement
 - Separation / isolation
 - Elbowing Jesus out of the way
 - Non-native habitat
 - Deception / curses / bondage
 - Unhealthy distraction
 - · Lust of the eye; lust of the flesh
 - · Pride of life

- Hurts, habits, hang-ups, handicaps
 - Fatigue (body, mind, spirit)
 - Depression / anxiety / loss / grief
 - · Poor diet / lifestyle / entertainment
 - Interrupt-driven life / urgency addict
 - Oversubscription (wrong yes's)
 - Ignorance / lack training or education
 - · Disorganization / chaos
 - · Calendar / scheduling / task ranking
 - Household (keys, tools, phone, wallet, car, tools & utensils, clutter, etc.)

God's joy is present when He is. The key: Control what we CAN control

- Our thoughts
- YIELD

Our mind carries the vision and the landscape of our world. Our mind is the map, the GPS, the gas pedal, the brake and the steering wheel of our life.

Our words



They're forever. They have mass. They bend things and souls and people. They carry death or life. They matter.

Our time



More precious than anything. Never get it back. More valuable than diamonds. Time is inventory. It is the only one that is truly ours to manage.

Our choices



We are always and forever the boss of our choices. We have no control, whatsoever, over results or consequences. We can only create conditions and atmospheres.

Jesus gleefully tells us

"I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts. 10 If you keep my commands, you will live in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love. 11 My purpose for telling you these things is so that the **joy** that I experience will fill your hearts with overflowing gladness!"

John 15:9-11, TPT

"Until now you've not been bold enough to ask the Father for a single thing in my name, but now you can ask, and keep on asking him! And you can be sure that you'll receive what you ask for, and your **joy** will have no limits!"

John 16:24, TPT

