

# GodSense

## *Lesson 9* *(Principles 46-49)*

I. Review Lesson 8 assignment

II. Introduction/Review

If God says it, I will do it.

Getting to the real truth about myself and about what God says will free me to be fully me.

I will turn toward God in total, undivided commitment.

Even when I can't understand the difficulties in my life, I will trust God because I know that he is trustworthy.

I want to live every moment to its fullest, letting God live and work through me *now*.

Just as I accepted God's gift of salvation by faith, I must walk the same way. Not works, just faith.

I accept God's invitation to know Him better and to love Him more.

I worship God in reverence and joy.

III. God wants us to be happy

A. Angels announced joy at Jesus' birth. Luke 2:9-10

B. Jesus promises his followers joy.

i. John 15:10-11

ii. John 16:20

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iii. John 16:22

iv. John 16:24

C. Jesus prayed for our joy.

John 17:13

IV. Joy is not circumstantial.

i. James 1:2-4

ii. II Corinthians 7:4; 11:24-28

iii. Romans 5:3-5

V. God's people have reasons to be joy-filled.

A. Forgiveness

i. I Peter 1:8

ii. Psalm 51:12

B. Peace

i. John 16:33

ii. John 14:27

C. Service

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- i. Ephesians 6:7-8
- ii. Philippians 2:17-18

D. Intellect

- i. Colossians 3:2
- ii. Daniel 5:12

E. Humility

James 4:9-10

VI. Living expectantly brings joy.

A. I Corinthians 1:9

B. Isaiah 62:5

C. Jude 24

VII. Life can be happy!

A. Be with joyful people.

B. Find reasons to celebrate.

C. Cultivate a thankful heart.

D. Practice delight

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# ASSIGNMENT

## *Lesson 9*

### Bible study

In Jesus' teachings to His disciples just before His death, he told them several times that He wanted them to experience mature joy. Read carefully John 14, 15, and 16 and list the following:

Commands/Instructions that Jesus gives:

Promises that Jesus gives:

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### Journaling

Looking at the commands that Jesus has given, think about things in your life that may be stealing your joy. Is it lack of faith or love or prayer? Is it disobedience? Is it not abiding faithfully in Him? Write about ways in which you can rid your life of joy stealing actions or attitudes and about what positive substitutes you will put in their place.

### Prayer

Ask God to reveal to you how you might experience more fully the joy that He has for you. Commit to following Him more obediently, to abiding in Him, to meditating upon His Word, and to loving His followers. Ask Him to fill you to the brim with the joy of His Spirit. Thank Him for His faithfulness in answering your prayer.

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