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It is God's will for His children to live joyfully each day. We can have fullness of joy living in fellowship with Him.

1 John 1:3,4:

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

What is it that can help us have a joy-filled life? Joyful living is ours to manifest as sons of God when we apply basic keys. Having an active prayer life is one key to a joy-filled life.

As sons of God we have access to our heavenly Father. We can build a strong relationship with our heavenly Father as we go to Him in prayer. When we actively spend time in prayer, we can experience the joy of strengthening our relationship with Him.

Philippians 4:6:

Be careful [Be anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Psalms 62:8:

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

God lovingly invites us to share with Him our thoughts, our desires, our concerns, our dreams, as we would with our most trusted friend.

I John 5:14,15:

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

We let our requests be made known unto God and pour out our hearts before Him, knowing that He hears our prayers. Throughout our day we go to God in prayer; and as we do, we are building our relationship with our heavenly Father. Seeing God answer our prayers increases our confidence in Him and contributes to a joy-filled life! In addition to sharing our hearts with God, what is another way we can have an active prayer life?

I Corinthians 14:15:

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

As sons of God we can pray not only with our understanding, but also with the spirit, which is speaking in tongues. Both types of prayer in our daily personal prayer life help us to build an intimate, sweet, and joyful relationship with our heavenly Father. What is another way we can have an active prayer life which contributes to joyful living?

Philippians 4:6:

...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

We can go to God in prayer with thanksgiving. We are thankful to God for what He has done and what He will do for us. We focus on all of the great things He has done for us and the promises He has given to us.

Psalms 107:21:

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Ephesians 5:20:

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What are some practical ways that we can incorporate thanksgiving into our everyday life? One way is to have a daily “thankful for” list. Our heavenly Father provides so much for us that we always have something to be thankful for each day. Writing what we are thankful for on a list helps build an attitude of thankfulness.

Another practical way to increase thanksgiving in our daily life is by speaking God’s Word. Because we are thankful, we can share with others what God has done for our lives, His wonderful works, and as we do we will experience great joy.

We can build a strong relationship with our heavenly Father as we go to Him in prayer. As we actively spend time in prayer, we can experience the joy of knowing He hears us. And as we are thankful, we can joyfully share with others what God has done for us. Let’s build an active prayer life with thankfulness to our heavenly Father and experience a joy-filled life!

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