

Fruit of the Spirit: JOY

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22

Sometimes people read these fruits of the Spirit and think they are qualities they have to try to produce themselves. They think, "I need to try harder to be more patient," or "I need to have more joy!" The problem is, we can't ever manufacture these fruits on our own, and God didn't intend for us to. That's why He gives us the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will do this work in us to make us more like Christ. The Spirit gives us joy.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:6

He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.

Job 8:21

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Psalm 19:8

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

Psalm 94:19

Prayer: Lord, fill me with your Spirit so I can have unspeakable joy no matter what life brings my way. Then help me spill that joy out on those around me so they can know You. Amen.