



The **VINE** and the **FRUIT**



GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT

²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control.





The Fruit
of the Week

JOY



JOHN 15:11 NIV

¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.





The Greek word for joy in this passage is the word chara. It means to have a strong inner sense of gladness or cheerfulness that is not based on circumstances.





This type of joy only comes from God. From His grace, love, promises and the sureness and nearness of His presence.



If we try to find joy
apart from God, these
common misconceptions
of joy can occur



“I am entitled to my happiness.”

MISCONCEPTION 01





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MATTHEW 16:24 NIV

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

“The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.”

MISCONCEPTION

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MISCONCEPTION 02

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1 TIMOTHY 6:6-7 ESV

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain,
⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

“Joy is disconnected
from suffering.”

MISCONCEPTION 03





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2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10 NLT

⁸Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

¹⁰That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

“I can experience joy
apart from obedience.”

04 MISCONCEPTION





MISCONCEPTION 04

“I can experience joy apart from obedience.”

MATTHEW 10:21-22 NASB

²¹Jesus said to him, “If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” ²²But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.



When we prioritize our own happiness over obedience, we will miss out on the joy that Jesus offers us.

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PSALM 16:11 ESV

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

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JAMES 1:2-4 NIV

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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MATTHEW 10:29-31 NIV

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the
ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰And
even the very hairs of your head are all
numbered. ³¹So don't be afraid; you are
worth more than many sparrows.

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- Nourish you
- Complete you
- Give you strength when you are weary
- Allow you to persevere in hardship
- Last well beyond the grave
- Give you peace