Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—REJOICE!
Philippians 4:4

Celebrating the Joys of Life!

I am celebrating my 70th birthday this month, and I can guarantee you that I’m going to party like a Super Star! I am grateful for this life the Lord has given me, and I intend to express my gratitude to Him and to everyone whom He has blessed me to have in my life! In addition to my birthday, we have Mother’s Day, graduations, Memorial Day and many other celebrations occurring this month - wherein God will be Present and full of joy for His children!

Our God knows how to enjoy a good celebration! Even as He watches over the turbulence going on in this world, He still celebrates the birth of every baby, every birthday, anniversary, graduation, milestone, promotion, sporting event — you name it! And God especially celebrates each time a soul is won for Jesus. The Lord is full of joy, and He expects us to be full of joy in Him! Does this mean that God takes lightly the trials and tribulations that we go through? Not at all. You and I can still have joy and celebrate our lives in spite of what challenges us, because Jesus has defeated all of the turbulence, trials, and tribulations. Those things do not cancel out our privilege and obligation to celebrate this beautiful life God has given to us! We honor God with our celebrations. Each time we celebrate, we demonstrate to God that we have complete faith in His care for us.

I encourage you to lay aside whatever would keep you from participating in any of life’s celebrations, and bask in the joy of the Lord! Celebrate joy in your life and the lives of others, and be blessed!

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