



Living in the Spirit: Joy, Peace, Goodness

I. Joy (v.22): Acts 5:41, II Cor. 6:3-4,10

- Happiness: the emotion of well-being, the feeling of contentment

VS

- Joy: The attitude and state of mind of one that is content, despite circumstances in life which may cause unhappiness; the knowledge of blessedness despite difficult times; See **Matt. 5:11-12, I Pet. 1:3,6-9**



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- II. Peace (v.22): The state of a harmonious relationship with God and with one's fellow man**
- **Used in connection with edification – Rom. 14:19**
 - **Fruit is sown in peace by those who produce peace – Jas. 3:18**
 - **It is produced by “salt” – Mk. 9:50**



Living in the Spirit: Joy and Peace

- 1. Joy and Peace are crucial characteristics that heavily influence our attitude, outlook, and behavior.**
- 2. Joy and Peace are necessary to be content. Contentment (and the associated perspective on our lives) is crucial to avoiding the works of the flesh.**