

J - O - Y

A. HAPPINESS versus JOY

1. Happiness: outward emotion dependent on circumstances around us.
2. Joy: a spiritual force, emanating from inside as 1 of 9 Fruit of the Spirit, a product of a decision followed by an action. Gal 5: 22-23

B. HAPPY (dependent on circumstances)

1. Queen of Sheba to Solomon: Happy are thy servants to hear thy wisdom. 1 Kings 10:8
2. Happy to eat the labor of your hands. Psalm 128:2
3. Happy is the people whose God is the Lord. Psalm 144:15
4. Happy are you to be a hearer and doer. John 13:17
5. Happy are you to be reproached for the Name of Christ. 1 Peter 4:14

C. JOY (JOYFULNESS) (a decision followed by an action)

1. Fullness of joy and pleasures. Psalm 16:11
2. Sacrifices of joy. Psalm 27:6
3. Righteous cause: prosperity. Psalm 35:27
4. Joy of your salvation. Psalm 51:12
5. Healing and affirmations with joy. Psalm 63:5
6. Make a joyful noise. Psalm 95:1
7. Nature rejoices. Psalm 96:12
8. Nature rejoices. Psalm 98:8
9. Saints, be joyful in glory. Psalm 149:5
10. Prosperity: attitude in giving. 2 Cor 9:6-8
11. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh 8:10

D. J - O - Y Formula

1. Jesus 1st. Heb 12:2
2. Others 2nd. Phil 2:3
3. Yourself... last. 1 Peter 5:6