

1 **Series: Uncovering God's Secrets to Unspeakable Joy**

Joy in Spite of Stuff

Text: Phil. 3:1-21

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2 **The secret to...**

■ ...joy in spite of things is a spiritual mind.

3 **Just as...**

■ ...circumstances can rob us of our joy, people and things can also rob us of our joy.

4 **Joy Stealers**

■ *Circumstances*

■ *People*

■ *Things*

■ *Anxiety*

5 **Outline**

■ *Chapter 1 Summary*

■ The Secret To Having Joy In Spite of Your *Circumstances* is A *Single Mind*

6 **Outline**

■ *Chapter 2 Summary*

■ The Secret To Having Joy In Spite of *People* is A *Submissive Mind*

7 **Outline**

■ *Chapter 3 Summary*

■ The Secret To Having Joy In Spite of *Things* is A *Spiritual Mind*

8 **Outline**

■ *Chapter 4 Summary*

■ The Secret To Having Joy In Spite of *Anxiety* is A *Secure Mind*

9 **Key Question**

■ *How can we have real joy in the midst of our preoccupation with things?*

10 **A Spiritual Mind**

■ *"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;"*

(Philippians 3:20)

11 **The Problem of a Carnal Mind**

■ Corrupted values

■ Corrupted vision

■ Romans 8:5-8.

12 **Things**

■ For religious people, it is not the bad things that will keep us out of heaven, it is the good things.

13 **Good Things**

■ "I believe that Jesus is the Messiah

■ I believe in the "holy book"...the Torah, the Koran, the Bible

■ I believe in Moses & Joshua

14 **Key Question**

- What are the things that control your life's direction and your life decisions?

15 **Remember...**

- ...things can be both tangible and intangible

16 **Tangible things...**

- ...are things like cars, boats, jewelry, houses, clothes, etc.

17 **Intangible things...**

- ...are things like fame, reputation, power, influence, relationships, etc.

18 **A Spiritual Mind means...**

- Spiritual Values
- Spiritual Vitality
- Spiritual Vision

19 **Paul, the Accountant**

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- I can have joy in spite of things because I count them all as loss when compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ

21 **Application**

- Because I have a spiritual mind, I value my relationship with Christ more than I value the things of this world

22 **Paul, the Athlete**

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- I can have joy in spite of things because I press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus

24 **Application**

- Because I have a spiritual mind, I am forgetting that which lies behind and reaching for that which lies ahead

25 **Paul, the Alien**

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- I can have joy in spite of things because my citizenship is in heaven and I wait for the coming of my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

27 **Application**

- Because I have a spiritual mind, I have set my affections on things above and not on the things of this world