

*Joy Without Limits :*  
*The Joy of Life*  
**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Text : Psalm 33:1-22

Introduction: We are studying a series of lessons on the subject of joy. We know that Jesus commanded His disciples to be joyful. **John 15:11** says, “*These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*” The writer of Psalm 33 wanted to address the need for his nation to praise God for creating them, sustaining them, and saving them. We need to sing praise to the Lord for giving us life and blessing us with a free nation. We should live everyday knowing that God has provided each of us with many blessings and freedoms. It would serve us well to recognize some of these blessings and realize how thankful we should be to just be alive...

Discussion:

***I. Our Choices Can Bring Us Joy***

Wealth will not bring joy (**Proverbs 23:4-5**).  
Power will not bring joy (**Ecclesiastes 2:10, 12:13**).  
Fame will not bring joy (**Matthew 6:33**).  
Possessions will not bring joy (**Matthew 5:45**).

***II. Our Family Can Bring Us Joy***

Parents can bring joy (**Ephesians 6:1-3**).  
Children can bring joy (**Psalm 127:3, Proverbs 23:23-24**).  
Grandchildren can bring joy (**Psalm 128:6, Job 42:16, Proverbs 17:6**).  
Marriage can bring joy (**Proverbs 5:18, 12:4, 18:22, 19:14**).

***III. Our Friends Can Bring Us Joy***

David & Jonathan found joy (**I Samuel 18:1**).  
Solomon believed in friendship (**Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:10**).  
Jesus believed in friendship (**John 11:35, 13:23, 21:15-23**).

***IV. Our World Can Bring Us Joy***

Nature can bring us joy (**Romans 1:20**).  
The heavens can bring us joy (**Psalm 19:1**).  
Christians can bring us joy (**John 13:34-35**).  
Animals can bring us joy (**Revelation 19:11**).

***V. Our Body Can Bring Us Joy***

The ability to hear should bring us joy.  
The ability to see should bring us joy.  
The ability to smell should bring us joy.  
The ability to taste should bring us joy.  
The ability to feel should bring us joy.

Conclusion: Are you happy to be alive? The dream of having great joy can become a reality if we live everyday to the fullest! Praise God for every moment you have to be alive! Would you like to live forever?