

*Joy Without Limits :*  
*The Joy of Giving*  
**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Text : Romans 12:10-13

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.*” God goes to great lengths to provide us with great joy. And when He commands us to do things He hopes that eventually we will find joy in following His commands. The Lord wants us to know that giving can bring us much joy. It’s a great Bible subject and we mustn’t be ashamed of it or afraid of talking about it. I want to share a few stories in the Bible with you. . . . .

Discussion:

***I. ABRAHAM FOUND JOY IN GIVING***

Genesis 14:18-20

Hebrews 7:4

Exodus 12:5

***II. THE WIDOW FOUND JOY IN GIVING***

Mark 12:41-44

***III. JESUS FOUND JOY IN GIVING***

John 3:16

II Corinthians 8:9

Luke 6:38

Ephesians 1:3

***IV. PAUL FOUND JOY IN GIVING***

II Corinthians 9:6-8

***V. THE EARLY CHRISTIANS FOUND JOY IN GIVING***

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 4:32-37

Malachi 3:8-11

Conclusion: How is your level of giving? When you look at these great Bible characters, what do you see? Why did they give? They received great joy when they were giving. The dream of having great joy can become a reality! Each child of God should drink from the well of joy!!! Are you ready to drink?