

WHAT SPARKS JOY!
1 Peter 1:3-10
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1. I WANT TO LIVE LIFE WELL!

(1 Peter 1:3–4) “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,⁴ and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.”

*“Once you have become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord”
- J. I. Packer, Knowing God*

2. IN ADVERSITY I STILL HAVE A LIFE OF PURPOSE.

(1 Peter 1:7) “These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.”

“If our actions are just useful actions that give no joy to the people, our poor people would never be able to rise up to the call which we want them to hear, the call to come closer to God. We want to make them feel that they are loved.” - Mother Teresa

3. MY JOY IS FOUND IN JESUS!

(1 Peter 1:8) “You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.”

*“Whatever joy you see today was hard won this morning.”
- Joni Ericsson Tada*

GROWTHWORK

“Surely there can be no deeper joy than that of saving souls.”

- Lottie Moon

1. Find your joy in Jesus.
2. Live a persuasive life of joy.
3. Share the joy of Jesus' Good News!
4. Share the joy of Jesus in your family.
5. Host a count it all joy party. (At this time with Skype, Zoom, or Facetime)