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Title: Finding Happiness in Living: Start with Joyful Prayer

Text: Philippians 1:1-10

Nehemiah 8:10 - "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Happiness Begins with Faith in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 - For I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will continue to perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

John 15:11 - I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Happiness Grows as We Learn to Pray with A Joyful Heart.

I always pray with joy

Philippians 1:4-6 - ⁴In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶For I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will continue to perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Joyful praying is characterized by praising God.

Joyful praying comes from recognizing God's presence in everything.

Happiness Is the Product of Praying with A Thankful Heart.

Philippians 4:6-7 - ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Thankful people spend less time complaining.

Thankful people resist anxiety.

Thankful people appreciate everything that comes their way.

Thankful people are happy people because the peace of God prevails.