

HOW TO FIND JOY THIS CHRISTMAS
Philippians 2:17-30

1. BE READY TO _____

But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy.

Phil. 2:17

2. LET OTHERS _____

Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

Phil. 2:18

3. BE INTERESTED IN _____

If the Lord Jesus is willing, I hope to send Timothy to you soon for a visit. Then he can cheer me up by telling me how you are getting along.

Phil. 2:19 (NLT)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Heb. 10:24-25 (NLT)

4. FIND A _____

I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare.

Phil. 2:20 (NLT)

All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ. But you know how Timothy has proved himself. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News.

Phil. 2:21-22 (NLT)

5. TRUST GOD TO USE YOU TO _____

I hope to send him to you just as soon as I find out what is going to happen to me here. And I am trusting the Lord that soon I myself may come to see you.

Phil. 2:23-24 (LB)

1. BE CHRIST TO THEM

Meanwhile, I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier. And he was your messenger to help me in my need.

Phil. 2:25 (NLT)

You have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Gal. 5:13 (NLT)

2. _____ THEIR WELFARE

I am sending him because he has been longing to see you, and he was very distressed that you heard he was ill. And he certainly was ill; in fact, he almost died. But God had mercy on him—and also on me, so that I would not have one sorrow after another.

Phil. 2:26-27 (NLT)

3. _____ THEIR SERVICE

So I am all the more anxious to send him back to you, for I know you will be glad to see him, and then I will not be so worried about you.

Phil. 2:28 (NLT)

4. _____ OTHERS WHO SERVE

Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and show your appreciation, for he risked his life for the work of Christ and was at the point of death while trying to do for me the things you couldn't do because you were far away.

Phil. 2:29-30

You love Christ 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.

1 Pet. 1:7-8