

# Be Of Good Cheer

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## Introduction:

A little song was released with the main words being "Don't worry, Be happy.:

*Here's a little song I wrote  
You might want to sing it note for note  
Don't worry, be happy  
In every life we have some trouble  
But when you worry you make it double  
Don't worry, be happy  
Don't worry, be happy now*

Cheer up, be happy, don't worry, rejoice. *1 Thess. 5.16, Philipians 4.4.* Things will probably never be exactly as they should, or as we would want them to be. In spite of this we can be happy and positive.

I) **Matthew 9:2** Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

A) The greatest danger to any of us, is sin. The greatest blessing is forgiveness.

1. It is a matter of rejoicing when sins are forgiven, *Luke 15.10,32*

2. Consider sin under the Old Testament, *Leviticus 4.28-35*

**B) Puts things in a different light**

1. Physical health may be bad but an incorruptible body awaits.
2. Physical responsibilities a heavy burden, look forward to the eternal rest.

**C) The non-Christian has no reason to be happy until he/she obeys.**

**II) Matthew 14:27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."**

**A) Circumstances in *Matthew 14*.**

1. John the Immerser beheaded, *Matthew 14.1-12*
2. Jesus feeds the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish, *v. 13-21*
3. The disciples are sent way by boat and it storms (when it rains it pours).

**B) Jesus tells us to rely on Him.**

1. *Psalms 46.1-3* David had his share of problems, Saul trying to kill him, sin with Bathsheba, death of a child, his family, Absalom, etc.
2. *Ecc. 7.14* Jesus is near, *Matthew 18.20*.

**III) John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."**

**A) Jesus in the shadow of death, of pain, the cross.**

1. He looked to the joy to follow, *John 17.5*.

**B) What is death like?**

1. Peaceful sleep, a new body, our homeland of heaven, to be with Christ, etc.
2. We too can overcome the world, *1 John 5.4-5*.

**IV) Acts 23:11 But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."**

**A) Paul was hated and despised by his own country men.**

1. Why? He was a faithful Christian.
2. He was doing God's work.

**B) God has likewise promised to comfort us in our afflictions, *Hebrews 13.5-6*.**

1. How? By giving us brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. Through His word, His providential care. *2 Corinthians 7.5-7*

**V) Acts 27.13ff Paul on a boat in the middle of a great storm. V. 21-26**

**A) So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. **V. 26** ESV Take courage, NKJV.**

1. Paul finally convinced them, *Acts 27.33-36*

2. Paul's confidence was in a specific message from God.

**B) We have reason to be of good cheer in the midst of trials**

1. We have the revealed word of God.
2. Things will be exactly as His word says, *Phil. 4.4-6*
3. Few things are certain in this world, God's word is one that is certain, *2 Corinthians 5.6-10*

**Conclusion:**

One's happiness depends on how he/she looks on life.