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Galatians 5:22-23
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (ESV)

1. Don't _____

2. Know _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of the study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Kings 10:8**. How do these words from the Queen of Sheba about Solomon's men help you to see the folly of trying to excuse a sour and pessimistic attitude as a Christian? What are some reasons we as children of the King should not allow ourselves to nurse a defeatist or despondent temperament?
2. Read **Ecclesiastes 5:10-17**. Why is more money not the answer to achieving and maintaining joy? Extrapolate that answer to other temporal earthly blessings. Why can the positive joyful disposition we talked about in the sermon be our hallmark even if we are poor, oppressed, and sick (Phil.4:4, 12-13; Ac.16:23-25)?
3. Read **1 Timothy 4:1-5; 6:17**. Even though temporal earthly blessings are not the grounds for Christian joy, how does the enjoyment of these blessings relate to the joy we discussed? What warnings would you offer as you encourage Christians to express joy in the participation of a fortunate lot that they may be experiencing?
4. Read **Ecclesiastes 5:18-20**. What connections can you draw from this important text to your understanding that joy is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal.5:22)? What kind of prayers can and should we be praying in light of these truths?
5. Read **Matthew 25:21** and **Hebrews 12:2**. How can we as Christians leverage the consummation of our future joy as fuel for a truly positive attitude now? How specifically might you improve your habit of choosing joy in the daily routines of your life this week?