

Treasure in Earthenware Jars

WHO MAKES YOU GLAD?

2 Corinthians 7:4-16 Pew Bible pp. 1145-1146

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This priceless treasure we hold, so to speak, in a common earthenware jar—to show that the splendid power of it belongs to God and not to us.
2 Cor. 4:7 Phillips

Joy or Sorrow?

The word “joy” occurs _____ times in this passage. In which verses?

What misconception do Christians sometimes have about joy?

The New Testament indicates that in this world, Christians will experience both joy and s_____. 2 Cor. 7:4-7; 6:10

Christians do not have joy instead of sorrow. Christians do have joy in a_____ to or in the midst of sorrow.

Agents of Joy

The ultimate source of the Christian’s joy is _____.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort...2 Cor. 1:3

Though God may impart joy directly to the believer through the Holy Spirit, He often delivers His joy to us through an a_____.

How blessed on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news!
Isaiah 52:7

In 2 Cor. 7:6-7, Paul relates how God used two agents to bring him joy. Who were they?

God brought joy to Paul's heart through p_____ in whom he invested for the sake of the kingdom of God.

What things bring you joy?

Of all the things that bring you joy, which will last throughout all eternity?

Investing in People for the Kingdom of God

What are some ways we can invest in people for the sake of the kingdom of God?

In this passage, Paul invested in people for eternity in two ways.

Paul was a m_____ to Titus. 2 Cor. 7:6-7

Paul engaged in the ministry of loving c_____.
2 Cor. 7:8-10

Paul wrote about two kinds of sorrow. What were they?
2 Cor. 7:10

Correcting people in the faith can save people from spiritual disaster, and lead to great _____.

Conclusion and Challenge

To remember: ***God's joy often comes through people. Joy comes to those who help others know the Lord and grow in the Lord.***

What will you **do** as a result of this message?