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2. Paul wants to show them the benefits of trusting in Jesus and living a transformed life in step with the Holy Spirit

the Fruit of the Spirit

3. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
Galatians 5:22

4. Joy is on the list because discouragement comes to everyone

5. Spirit-led lives produce spiritual fruit... joy

6. Things that can bring joy...

prayer

relationships with Christian community

giving

Scripture

servicing

worship

7. Joy begins with
the gospel and
grows by the Spirit

8. Charles Spurgeon

Often referred to as the prince of preachers, was so plagued by discouragement and depression that he tendered his resignation 32 times in 39 years

9. A. W. Tozer

“this man, who knew God so intimately, had days when he was so discouraged he felt he could not continue as a minister. A man who instructed thousands in the deep things of God often felt he was a miserable failure.”

10. The test of joy is not lack of discouragement or sadness, but a gladness in the Lord nevertheless that transforms how we carry it

11. Don't miss the joy.

To miss that is to miss everything

12. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11