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Be joyful in the Church family!

Psalms 16:3, *As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."*

Be delightful.

1 Thessalonians 2:8, *So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.*

Philemon 1:10-12, *I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains,¹¹ who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart,*

Philippians 2:27, *For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.*

1 Corinthians 12:21-26, *And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."²² No, much rather, those members of the*

body which seem to be weaker are necessary.²³ And those members of the body which we think to be less honourable, on these we bestow greater honour; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty,²⁴ but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honour to that part which lacks it,²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Thessalonians 3:8, *For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.*

Philemon 1:8, *For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.*

What is the opposite of not being joyful?

Isaiah 58:3-8, *'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?' "In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, And exploit all your labourers. ⁴Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day, To make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, And an*

acceptable day to the Lord? ⁶“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Isaiah 58:1-2, *“Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet they seek Me daily, And delight to know My ways, As a nation that did righteousness, And did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God.*

There are stages in getting things done.

Though you had forgiven it takes time to restore things.

Acts 18:18-23, *So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila were with him. He had his hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. ¹⁹And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰When they asked him to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent, ²¹but took leave of them,*

saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus. ²²And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch. ²³After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

Paul was advanced in Judaism.

Galatians 1:13-14, *For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.*

Nazarite vow.

Numbers 6:1-8, *Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the Lord, ³he shall separate himself from wine and similar drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from similar drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins. ⁴All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin. 'All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the Lord, he shall be holy. Then he shall let the locks of the hair*

of his head grow. ⁶All the days that he separates himself to the Lord he shall not go near a dead body. ⁷He shall not make himself unclean even for his father or his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head. ⁸All the days of his separation he shall be holy to the Lord.

Numbers 6:16-18, *'Then the priest shall bring them before the Lord and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering; ¹⁷and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of a peace offering to the Lord, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall also offer its grain offering and its drink offering. ¹⁸Then the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.*

Lifelong Nazarite vow had been kept by 3 people.

Samuel,

Samson, and

John the Baptist.

Paul must have had for only **30, or 60, or 100** days.

Though Paul had been advocating for the New Covenant, he was not fully released from the Old Covenant.

Again, he goes to the synagogue to reason out.

Paul was so keen to go to Jerusalem to offer his hair.

Philippians 3:5-8, *circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ*

Peter was also the same.

Peter preached the great sermon about Jesus Christ in Acts 2.

Acts 10:16, *This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.*

So please be kind in looking at your brothers and sisters in their growing up to mature!