

## Is God Fun? Does He want you to have fun?

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FUN: <u>enjoyment</u>, light-hearted <u>pleasure</u>, playfulness, good humor, <u>amusing</u>
JOY: a feeling of great <u>pleasure</u> and <u>happiness</u>

**Ephesians 5** <sup>4</sup> and there must be no filthiness or foolish talk, or vulgar joking, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. NASB

**Psalm 5** <sup>11</sup> But <u>let them all be glad</u>, those who turn aside to hide themselves in you. <u>May they keep shouting for joy forever!</u> Overshadow them in your presence as they <u>sing and rejoice</u>. Then every lover of your name will <u>burst forth with endless joy</u>. TPT

**Zephaniah 3** <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. <u>He will rejoice over you with joy</u>, He will be quiet in His love, <u>He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy</u>. NASB

**Colossians 3** <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ live in you richly, flooding you with all wisdom. *Apply the Scriptures* as you teach and instruct one another with the Psalms, and <u>with festive praises</u>, and with prophetic songs given to you spontaneously by the Spirit, **so sing to God with all your hearts!** 

1 Thessalonians 5 16 Let joy be your continual feast. TPT

**Proverb 17** <sup>22</sup> A joyful, cheerful heart brings healing to both body and soul. But the one whose heart is crushed struggles with sickness and depression. TPT

Psalm 16 9 My heart and soul explode with joy—full of glory! 11 Because of you, I know the path of life, as I taste the fullness of joy in your presence. At your right side I experience divine pleasures forevermore! TPT

Psalm 68 <sup>3</sup> But <u>let all the righteous be glad!</u> Yes, <u>let them all rejoice in your presence and be carried away with gladness</u>. <u>Let them laugh and be radiant with joy!</u> TPT

**John 15** <sup>11</sup> My purpose for telling you these things is **so that the joy that I experience will fill your hearts with overflowing gladness!** TPT

**James 5** 13 Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. <u>Is anyone cheerful</u>? <u>He is to sing praises</u>. NASB

REJOICE: feel or show great joy or delight

**Isaiah 62** <sup>5</sup> As a young man marries the young woman *he loves*, so your builder-sons will marry you. As the bridegroom finds joy in *his union* with his bride, **so will your God take joy** *in his union with* **you**! TPT

Philippians 4 <sup>4</sup> Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! <sup>5</sup>And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near. TPT

**Psalm 35** <sup>9</sup> Then my fears will dissolve into <u>limitless joy;</u> my whole being will overflow with gladness because of your mighty deliverance. TPT

**Ecclesiastes 3** <sup>12</sup> I know that there is nothing better for them than to <u>rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime</u>; <sup>13</sup> moreover, that every person who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God. NASB

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PLEASURE: a <u>feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment;</u> <u>enjoyment and entertainment, as opposed to necessity</u>

Philippians 2 <sup>13</sup> God will continually revitalize you, implanting within you the passion to do what pleases him. TPT

**Ephesians 1** 5-6 For it was always in his perfect plan to adopt us as **his delightful children**, through our union with Jesus, the Anointed One, so that his tremendous love that cascades over us would glorify his grace — for the same love he has for the Beloved, Jesus, he has for us. And this unfolding plan brings him great pleasure! 9 And through the revelation of the Anointed One, he unveiled his secret desires to us—the hidden mystery of his long-range plan, which he was delighted to implement from the very beginning of time. TPT

Luke 12 <sup>32</sup> So don't ever be afraid, dearest friends! Your loving Father joyously gives you his kingdom with all its promises! TPT

> HAPPY: feeling or showing pleasure or contentment HAPPY ABOUT: having a sense of trust and confidence in a person LAUGH & DANCE

Ecclesiastes 3 <sup>4</sup> A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance. NASB Genesis 21 <sup>6</sup> Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." TPT

Job 5 <sup>22</sup> You will laugh at violence and hunger, And you will not be afraid of wild animals. NASB Job 8 <sup>21</sup> He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with joyful shouting. NASB

Psalm 2 4 God-Enthroned merely laughs at them; the Sovereign One mocks their madness! TPT

Psalm 126 <sup>2</sup> We laughed and laughed and overflowed with gladness. We were left shouting for joy and singing your praise. All the nations saw it and joined in, saying, "The Lord has done great miracles for them!" TPT

Psalm 37 <sup>13</sup> God laughs at the wicked and their plans, for he knows their day is coming! TPT **Psalm 52** <sup>6</sup> The godly will see all this and will be awestruck. **Then they will laugh at the wicked**. saying, 7 "See what happens to those great in their own eyes who don't trust in the Most High to save them! Look how they trusted only in their wealth and made their living from wickedness." TPT

Psalm 59 <sup>8</sup> But you. Lord, break out laughing at their plans, amused by their arrogance, scoffing at their sinful ways. TPT

Genesis 17 Then Abraham laughed so hard he fell to the ground, saying to himself, "How in the world can a hundred-year-old man become a father? How can my wife Sarah get pregnant at ninety?" TPT

**Genesis 18** <sup>12</sup> **Sarah laughed to herself** *with disbelief*, saying, "A woman my age – have a baby? After I'm worn out will I now enjoy marital bliss and conceive – and with my aged husband?" TPT

> **CELEBRATE**: acknowledge a significant or **happy day** or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

**Exodus 12** 14 Now this day shall be a memorial to you, and you shall **celebrate it as a feast to the** LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. NASB

**DELIGHT:** please someone greatly; great pleasure

Psalm 35 27b ... "The Lord is great, and he delights in the prosperity of his servant." TPT

Psalm 37 <sup>4</sup> Find your delight and true pleasure in Yahweh, and he will give you what you desire the most. TPT

**Isaiah 62** 4 You will never again be called the Abandoned One, nor will your land be called Deserted. But you will be called My Delight Is in You, and your land My Beloved Wife, for Yahweh finds his delight in you and he married your land. TPT