

Joy

Introduction

the devil can't steal your salvation but he will try to rob you of your joy. He does this by reminding you of past sins, through lies designed to distort reality, and by making you focus on anything but Jesus.

Main Points: What to do when your joy is being attacked?

1. Embrace the _____ of being born again – divorce yourself from the past
 - a. 2Corinthians 5.17 -- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
 - b. Psalm 103.12 -- as far as the _____ is from the _____, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
 - i. Isaiah 38.17
 - ii. Isaiah 43.25
 - iii. Micah 7.18-19
2. Remember all the _____ things in your life
 - a. Philippians 4.8 -- Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
 - b. Psalm 40.5
3. Focus on _____
 - a. Hebrews 12.1-3
 - b. Do not be lazy. Run each day's race with all your might, so that at the end you will receive the victory wreath from God. Keep on running even when you have had a fall. The victory wreath is won by him who does not stay down, but always gets up again, grasps the banner of faith and keeps on running in the assurance that Jesus is Victor. - **Basilea Schlink**
 - c. 1Corinthians 9.24-25

Conclusion

- Joy is a fruit of the Spirit, a product of a life lived for God so,
 - _____ yourself and be freed from the past
 - Figure out the _____ things and people God has placed your life
 - Focus on who your _____ is and what awaits a child of God