

# Why Doesn't God Give Me What I Want?

Genuine happiness doesn't come from a LIFE OF EASE, it comes from a LIFE OF JOY

## 1. God WANTS US TO HAVE JOY

John 15:11 NLT

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

## 2. We can't STAY WHERE WE ARE and have joy

John 15:2-3 NLT

He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.

James 1:2-4 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

## 3. Joy comes from A CONNECTION TO GOD

John 15:4 NLT

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

John 15:10 NLT

"When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love."