

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

We all know this verse and can quote it. But how many Christians are really living it?

“You just don’t know what I’m going through right now, so how can I rejoice?”

“I lost my job, or my car broke down and I don’t have the money, so how can I rejoice?”

“I just got a raise, and we are going to have a great Christmas because of it, so you but I will rejoice.”

Yet in all these examples and others like it, if you read today’s devotional verse, this is not what it is saying. Read it again

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It doesn’t say to rejoice in your circumstance, and it doesn’t say to rejoice in your troubles, and it doesn’t say rejoice when things are going great. No, it says to ***Rejoice in the Lord always***. (underlined for emphasis)

We have all gone through really tough times as well as really great times, but our rejoicing is never in those things, but in the Lord.

Why? Honestly, if you have to ask why, then that would explain why you are not **rejoicing in the Lord always**.

Now at this point, you are probably expecting me to give you a laundry of things that should cause you to rejoice in the Lord, but I’m not. If you really can’t think of any reason to **rejoice in the Lord always**, then ask Him to show you why you should.

And if you can think of one or more reasons to **rejoice in the Lord**, then do it **always!**