



## CHOOSE JOY

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Is your cup half full or half empty? When things don't go as you planned do you default to praise and rejoicing, or grumbling and complaining? Perhaps the most powerful and risky gift that God has given us is free will, and the power to choose. The choices we make set the course for our day, and ultimately our future. Have you ever noticed that when you choose to be thankful, joyful, and give praise, that the whole world just looks brighter? Choosing to rejoice is the key to true life. Rejoicing literally strengthens your health and your relationships. It brings you into places of favour and opportunity, creating a bright and hopeful future.

God commands us to rejoice, to meditate on all that is good and praiseworthy, and to give thanks in all circumstances. God dwells in the praises of His people, and our joyful attitudes and praises get heaven's attention. Rejoicing, thanksgiving, and praise are the ultimate declarations of faith and acknowledgement that God is in control. Those who choose to walk this way know what it means to be an overcomer and experience abundant life even when life is hard.

We pray that the scriptures for this season will encourage us all to believe that God is always working things out for our good, and that our positive response, no matter what the circumstances, will be a constant expression of faith and love toward the God who loves us and has good plans for our lives.

Choose life moment by moment, rejoice, praise, and give thanks!

*Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. Psalm 97:11-12*

Blessings,

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# WEEKLY FACTS SCRIPTURE VERSES

Based on the Following Scripture Theme:

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	FOCUS	ADORATION	CONFESSION	THANKSGIVING	SUPPLICATION
WK	Look to Jesus and prepare to hear	Intentional Praise	Remove obstacles Break strongholds Cleanse hearts	For what God has done and what you receive in faith	Stand together and ask, knowing God hears and God answers
1	Hab. 3:17-18	Psalms 104:33-34	Psalms 32:5	Psalms 97:11-12	Psalms 20:4-5
2	Psalms 100:1-3	Psalms 32:11	Psalms 34:13	Psalms 40:1-3	Psalms 145:17-19
3	Psalms 35:9-10	Psalms 145:1-2	I Corinthians 13:6	Deuteronomy 12:7	Psalms 17:6
4	Psalms 19:7-8	I Chron. 16:8-10	Numbers 11:1	Psalms 37:3-6	Colossians 4:2-3
5	Philippians 3:1	Psalms 96:1-4	I Chron. 29:17	Psalms 94:12-14	Psalms 86:5-6
6	Psalms 96:11-13	Isaiah 25:9	Psalms 51:7-10	Psalms 100:4-5	Matthew 21:21-22
7	Psalms 34:1-4	Psalms 13:5-6	Psalms 85:1-3	Galatians 5:22-23	John 16:23-24
8	Psalms 33:1-5	Psalms 145:4-7	I Corinth. 10:6-11	Psalms 126:2-3	Psalms 20:1-3
9	I Peter 1:6-9	Psalms 21:13	Psalms 106:24-27	Psalms 35:18	Isaiah 56:7-8
10	Psalms 35:27-28	Psalms 95:1-2	Psalms 85:6-7	Isaiah 29:23-24	Psalms 106:4-5
11	Psalms 118:24	Isaiah 63:7	Psalms 51:1-2	Joel 2:21-24	Luke 18:1
12	Jeremiah 15:16	Psalms 22:22-23	2 Corinth. 7:9-10	Jonah 2:8-9	Psalms 20:6-9
13	Philippians 4:4-7	Psalms 68:3-4	2 Timothy 2:20-21	I Samuel 2:1-2	Psalms 22:25-28
14	Psalms 98:4-6	Luke 10:19-20	Psalms 51:12-14	Romans 5:1-5	Psalms 21:1-2
15	Revelation 19:6-8	Psalms 66:1-4	Psalms 66:18-20	Psalms 100:4-5	I Thess. 5:16-18
16	Matthew 2:10-11	Luke 1:67-70	Psalms 97:7	Isaiah 9:6-7	I Chronicles 16:35
17	Psalms 105:1-3	Psalms 96:7-9	James 5:9	Psalms 92:1-2	Psalms 33:20-22