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"Joy" is a Spirit produced rejoicing that increases when we trust in God and His promises.

2 Corinthians 1:20 – "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 11:1 – "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Luke 6:40 – "A student is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher."

I. Paul

- 1. Made prayerful plans
- 2. Surrendered his steps
- 3. Possessed great confidence
- 4. Man of action
- 5. Released people for the Kingdom
- 6. Knew sacrifice was an offering, not a loss
- 7. Continually rejoiced

II. Timothy

- 1. Kindred spirit
- 2. Concern for others
- 3. Had the interests of Christ
- 4. Tested and seasoned
- 5. Served well "with" others
- 6. Passion for the Gospel
- 7. Continually learning

III. Epaphroditus

- 1. Dependable
- 2. Brother in Christ
- 3. Fellow worker
- 4. Fellow soldier
- 5. Proclaimer of the Gospel
- 6. Kindhearted
- 7. Walked the walk

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse - (Jesus said)... the Scriptures testify about Me. John 5:39

Main Points: When God truly transforms a person there will be Christ-like characteristics that will be clearly seen by others. In our relationship with Christ, we have everything we need to live a God honoring life wherever he places us. We also will have a godly influence on others as we trust Christ and His promises. (2 Peter 1:1-3)

#1- Reviewing this past Sunday Real Joy: Standing Out in a Crowd Part 3 Following Models of the Grace Life Philippians 2:19-30

- 1. Read Philippians 2:19-30 and discuss the message with someone.
- 2. Why do we never grow too old to look up to someone else in our faith?
- 3. What characteristics did the three men mentioned possess that you would like to see enhanced in your life?
- 4. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How do we grow in the characteristics these men possessed? Use this scripture for your prayer time.

2- Preparing for next Sunday Real Joy: Finishing Well Part 1 Philippians 3:1-11

- 1. Read Philippians 3:1-11.
- 2. What are we reminded to do? (1)
- 3. How are the false teachers described? (2)
- 4. How are the true teachers/believers described? (3)
- 5. What do we know about Paul before he followed Christ? (4-6)
- 6. How is his life different after Christ? (7-11)