

## 'A "HALLEUJAH DAY": THE PRACTISE OF CELEBRATION'

*Revelation 21: 3 (NIV) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

### GOD IS JOYFUL AND HE WANTS US TO BE TOO...

*John 15: 11 (NIV) I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

*Philippians 4: 4 (NIV) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

*Psalms 105: 1–2 (NIV) Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.*

*Ephesians 5: 20 (NIV) Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Colossians 2: 6–7 (NIV) So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

*1 Thessalonians 5: 18 (NIV) Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*Nehemiah 8: 9–10 (NIV) Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."*

### SO HOW DO WE PURSUE JOY, CELEBRATION, PRAISE, THANKFULNESS?

#### 1. WE ACT NOW, WE BEGIN NOW!

*Psalms 118: 24 (NKJV) This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

## **2. FIND A JOY MENTOR OR MENTORS**

*Proverbs 15:30 (GNB) Smiling faces make you happy, and good news makes you feel better.*

*Proverbs 15:30 (NIV) Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.*

## **3. SET ASIDE TIME EACH DAY TO REJOICE AND BE THANKFUL**

*Revelation 19:7 (NIV) Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.*

*Isaiah 55:12 (NIV) You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.*

## **4. RENEW AND TRANSFORM YOUR MIND**

*Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*Philippians 4:8 (NIV) Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

## **5. LIST...**