

BUILDING YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

“THE QUALITIES OF MATURITY - JOYFULNESS”

Acts 16:13-40

Lesson #29

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REVIEW:

A. The Basis of Joy Romans 14:16-20

- 1) Our flesh pulls us into things that are not the basis of the kingdom of God.
- 2) Our new born spirit man will pull you into what matters most: righteousness, and peace, and joy.
- 3) Some might want to add a few other things like **FAITH** but you would be hard pressed to find things that peace and joy don't **INCREASE** !
- 4) Pursue the things which make for peace AND...
- 5) the things by which one may edify another.
- 6) Romans 15:13

B. Trouble Acts 16:13-24

- 1) A certain slave girl
 - a) She was not free physically or spiritually
 - b) Was part of a very profitable fortune telling business. Guess who profited the most?
 - c) She was obviously well know in the area.
- 2) If her words are truth, why does Paul object?
- 3) This she did for many days

- 4) “But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit...”
- 5) (Vs. 19) “When her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone ...”
- 6) The motivation of most people who cause trouble, bring accusation, or promote a premise is **THE PROFIT THEY GAIN**
- 7) Darkness comes from **SELF SEEKING**
- 8) Brightness from seeking the **GOOD OF OTHERS**
- 9) Light from pursuing the **WILL OF GOD**
- 10) Where does the power come from that the masters use against Paul and Silas?
- 11) Notice the lack of proof needed. Darkness needs nothing but accusations against light, but the same standard is not used when darkness is accused.

C. Joyfulness Acts 16:25-40

- 1) Paul and Silas reaction?
- 2) Why does the jailer receive salvation?
- 3) Darkness always desires to slander publicly, and retract privately.
- 4) Their joy is not extinguished even under great pressure because they know how to keep it feed in a trial.

APPLICATION: Your level of Joy does not depend on..