

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**Joy in the Lord Leads to Success**

Today we will learn together how joy in the Lord can lead us to success. When we choose joy in the Lord, we can overcome every obstacle and succeed in everything God has called us to do.

1. Let us choose joy in the Lord
  - 1.1. Choosing to rejoice is our decision (Hebrews 12:2-3, James 1:2-4, 12, 18)
  - 1.2. We can choose to focus on the joy set before us (Psalm 16:7-9, 11)
2. The blessings we receive when we choose joy in the Lord
  - 2.1. We will be filled with joy, not discouraged, weary, or giving up (Psalm 16:8-9, 11, Hebrews 12:2-3)
  - 2.2. We will be able to overcome every obstacle and succeed in everything God has called us to do (Isaiah 55:11-13, Hebrews 12:2-3)
3. Sources of joy
  - 3.1. Comes from knowing the God of joy (Hebrews 12:2-3)
  - 3.2. Comes from brothers and sisters who choose joy in the Lord (2 Corinthians 7:4, 7, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)

**Conclusion:**

We choose to rejoice by focusing on the Lord, who is the God of joy. By looking to His words that reveal His plans and the success He has prepared for us, we will be filled with joy in the Lord, not discouraged, weary, or giving up. This will lead to the success He has prepared, which is more than we can ask or imagine. We will be able to receive even more joy that knows no bounds, coming from the growth of our brothers and sisters in Christ who live by the Word, with seriousness and zeal for God, and a desire to always please Him.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How can we choose to rejoice in the Lord?
2. What blessings do we receive when we choose joy in the Lord?
3. Where is the source of blessings that brings us greater and boundless joy?