



Philippians 1:18 (NIV) And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice

FOUR WAYS TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF JOY:

#1 IF I WANT TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF JOY, I NEED A _____ TO LIVE FROM.

Philippians 1:12 (NIV) Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Lesson #1 God has a _____ behind every one of my problems.

#2 IF I WANT TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF JOY, I NEED A _____ TO LIVE BY.

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Proverbs 3:5 (NIV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Lesson #2 Learn to _____ on what really counts.

#3 IF I WANT TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF JOY I NEED A _____ TO LIVE ON.

Philippians 1:19 (NIV) for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV) But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Lesson #3 I learn that with God's power _____
can deplete me.

#4 IF I WANT TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF JOY I NEED A _____ TO LIVE FOR.

Philippians 1:21 (NV) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

Philippians 3:13 (NIV) Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Lesson #4 The secret of joy - Jesus first, others second,
_____ last.

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