



Do You Know ~~About~~ Jesus? (Part 3)

Everyday Enemies That the Bells of Jesus' Joy Can Overcome

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SERIES TEXT: Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, the one you sent." - Jesus, John 17:3 CEV

SERIES BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus is the key to knowing eternal hope, joy and peace in your life.

EVERYDAY ENEMIES THAT THE BELLS OF JESUS' JOY CAN OVERCOME

I. OFFENSE

-Who or what has recently offended you?

-In the same way a SPD officer wears a bulletproof vest to **guard** his heart, we must remember to put on our prayer vest to **guard** our heart against offense.

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, PRAY for those who mistreat you." - Jesus, Luke 6:27-28 NIV

Ring the Bells of Jesus' Joy:

1) Don't Seek Revenge (Leviticus 19:18)

2) Be Gracious

"Let your conversation be always full of GRACE." (Colossians 4:6a)

3) Deal with Offense Biblically (Matthew 18:15-16)

4) Humbly Look for the Kernel of Truth

5) Forgive

"FORGIVE as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13b NIV)

II. JEALOUSY

-How do you react when others succeed and you don't?

This made Saul very angry. "**What's this?**" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!" So from that time on Saul kept a JEALOUS eye on David. 1 Samuel 18:8-9 NLT

Ring the Bells of Jesus' Joy:

1) Express Gratitude

2) Celebrate Others

III. CYNICISM

-When people look up the definition of cynicism, is your name noted?

-**JOY disrupts cynicism:** Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." John 1:45 NIV

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" John 1:46 NIV

- ♦ 50 Salvation Decision!
- ♦ 15 Water Baptisms!
- ♦ 36 First-time Financial Partners!
- ♦ 90 Local & Global Missionaries Supported (\$15K/ mo)!
- ♦ 21% Church Growth!
- ♦ Partnered with 5 Adopted Neighborhood Schools!
- ♦ 550 Jesus Loves Seattle Hope Bags Unleashed!

Soften your heart and harden your feet (not the other way around).
"Come and see." John 1:46b NIV

Ring the Bells of Jesus' Joy:

- 1) Dwell on the God of Hope (Jeremiah 29:11)
- 2) Cultivate Curiosity and Growth
- 3) Start Dreaming Again (Ephesians 3:20)
- 4) Smile

IV. GUILT

-How do we get free from the crippling emotion of guilt?

Ring the Bells of Jesus' Joy:

- 1) Identity: *Live from a place of grace*
"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1 NIV)
- 2) Boundary: *Establish clear parameters* i.e., Excellence vs Perfectionism
- 3) Vocabulary: *Speak a new narrative*

"My problems are simply not permitted to destroy my joy and well-being any longer." - Rev. Ryan Bunbury

V. WORRY

What is the chief end of man?

"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to ENJOY Him forever."

– Westminster Shorter Catechism

"JOY is the flag which is flown from the castle of the heart when the King is in residence there." - Robert Rainey

"REJOICE in the Lord always. I will say it again: REJOICE!" Philippians 4:4 NIV

Lets' Ring the Bells of Jesus' Joy:

- 1) Worship Changes Our Perspective
- 2) Worship Disarms Our Worry

Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY cometh in the morning. Psalm 30:5b KJV