

## Joy Is My Safety Gauge

### Teamwork Can Change My Life (part 7)

If you want to boast,  
boast only about the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:31 NLT



### Watch My Joy Meter

1 Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, **rejoice in the Lord**. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it **to safeguard your faith**.  
Philippians 3:1 NLT

Jesus said to them again, Children, **how hard it is** for those who trust (place their confidence, their sense of safety) in riches to enter the kingdom of God!

Mark 10:24 Amp

### ❖ Beware of Bad Dogs (Plummet)

2 Watch out for those dogs, **those people who do evil**, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved.  
Philippians 3:2 NLT

♦ *What do I do to keep on God's good side?*

### ❖ Actively Give Some Real Worship (Skyrocket)

3 For we who **worship by the Spirit of God** are the ones who are truly circumcised.  
Philippians 3:3 NLT

A true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is **a change of heart produced by God's Spirit**.  
Romans 2:29 NLT

♦ *How much real worship did I do this week?*

### ❖ Make Sure I'm Wowed by Jesus (Soar)

We **rely on** what Christ Jesus has done for us.

Philippians 3:3 NLT

♦ *When is the last time I felt in total awe of Jesus?*

### ❖ Determine Not to Pat Myself on the Back (Nose-Dive)

We put **no confidence** in human effort,

4 though **I could have confidence in my own effort** if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

5 I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. 6 I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

7 I once thought these things were valuable, but **now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done**.  
Philippians 3:1-7 NLT

♦ *What do I deserve a few brownie points for?*

**How much am I currently rejoicing in the Lord?**

**What am I doing to increase my joy?**

**What is currently taking away my joy?**

**If I were more joyful, I would be less \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Who helps me monitor my joy?**

We Christians glory in what Christ Jesus has done for us and realize that we are helpless to save ourselves.

Philippians 3:3 LB