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1. CHOOSE THE JOY OF THE LORD

1 Thess 5:16-18

Rejoice always... for this is the will of God....

2. RECEIVE THE JOY OF THE LORD

These things I have said to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. John 15:11

3.LIVING IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

“We engage in celebration when we enjoy ourselves, our life, our world in conjunction with our faith and confidence in God’s greatness, beauty and goodness.” Dallas Willard

...for oxen, or for sheep, or for winem or for beer, or for whatsoever your soul asks of you; and you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you will rejoice, you and your household. Deut 14:26

At Christmas, through his grace-filled birth, God says to the world: "I am there. I am with you. I am your life. ... Do not be afraid to be happy. For ever since I wept, joy is the standard of living that is really more suitable than the anxiety and grief of those who think they have no hope. ... This reality, this incomparable wonder of my almighty love, I have sheltered safely in the cold stable of your world. I am there. I no longer go away from this world. Even if you do not see me. I am there. It is Christmas. Light the candles! They have more right to exist than all the darkness. It is Christmas. Christmas lasts forever."

Karl Rahner

I become a doer of the Word by...

