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Colossians 1:11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

OVERVIEW

We serve and love a God who has a great sense of humor. Through-out scripture we see God joking around, having fun, and drawing people into repentance through humor. In the history of men no one was as funny as Jesus. Jesus used humor at parties, with His disciples, but His best humor was used in His teaching. He would use humor and sarcasm to call people into repentance. He would joke around with the way religious people lived out the law while teaching how the law should be lived. Through this kind of teaching we laugh and cry realizing that our attempts at gaining heaven on our own power are truly laughable. Through laughing we are drawn to our Father who loves us and brings us hope and joy in spite of our stupidity. Through His joy we learn to take ourselves lightly and God seriously knowing that He is trustworthy and true, and that our salvation is secure in Him, not in our own works. With hearts of worship we praise Him for the joy and humor He brings into our lives.

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TODAY'S VERSES:

Colossians 1:11-12
Luke 7:34
Matthew 16:18, 23
Mark 3:17

Matthew 23:23
Matthew 6:2-3
Matthew 6:16
Matthew 6:7-8

1 Thessalonians 5:12
Matthew 6:5-6
Nehemiah 8:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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In what ways does humor glorify God?
How does humor help you get through your day?

EXPLANATION

Read Matthew 6:1-8
What are some ways that we take ourselves too seriously?
In what ways are you over-religious?
How can we make use of God's humor to take Him more seriously and ourselves more lightly? How can you defeat religiosity with humor?

APPLICATION

Read Nehemiah 8:10
How can we use humor in our everyday lives to show others that "the joy of the Lord is our strength"?
Does your humor ever tear down others rather than building them up?
How can you use humor to build up relationships?

MISSION

How can we bring more of Jesus's joy and humor into the lives of those around us?

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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AGAPE THANKSGIVING DINNERS

SUNDAY THE 24th
OR WEDNESDAY THE 27th
Sign up for a dinner:
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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

December 7th
-Recommend Family
-Volunteer
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