

Romans 12:12

Intro.

I. Rejoice in hope

- A. Depression is the absence of **joy** (Genesis 4:3-7)
- B. Paul’s example (Philippians 3:1, 4:4)
- C. Joy is a **fruit** of the Spirit
- D. Joy is not:
 - 1. A **personality**
 - 2. Based on **circumstances**
 - 3. Fake **happiness** (Romans 12:15b; 2 Corinthians 6:10a; 1 Thessalonians 5:16)
- E. Joy comes from hope (Colossians 3:1-4)

Feelings will follow thoughts

II. **Endure** in tribulation/suffering (James 1:12)

[*thlipsis*] - (tribulation) pressure

[*tribulum*] - Latin - (tribulation) threshing sledge

Through joy (Colossians 1:5, 9-14)

III. Persist in prayer (next week)

[*proskartereō*] -(persist) to give constant attention to a thing

IV. Application

- A. Honest **evaluation** (Matthew 6:33)
- B. Hope in the **gospel** (Colossians 3:1-2; Philippians 4:4-9)
- C. Meditate on **God’s Word** (Psalm 77:12, 145:5)
- D. Don’t go it **alone** (Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:5, 10a)

Do you rejoice in hope?

Do you endure in suffering?

Do you have the right attitude?

Your Action Point(s): _____

Next week: Romans 12:12c