

GOD'S CUSTOMER SERVICE

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Galatians 5:22-23 reads, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

We are not able to activate any of those things in any sustaining circumstances without the very Spirit of God in us. He is the source of our joy, which makes it impossible to suppress it.

1 Kings 10

10 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. 3 And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 5 the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more breath in her.

6 And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, 7 but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. 8 Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness." 10 Then she gave the king 120 talents[a] of gold, and a very great quantity of spices and precious stones. Never again came such an abundance of spices as these that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

The difference between joy and happiness is substantial. We often assume that the fleeting feeling of happiness, giddy laughter and contentment in the comforts of life is akin to the joy we experience in Jesus.

But joy supernaturally sustains our souls in seasons of heartache, injustice, and sorrow. Enduring the valleys of life is nearly impossible without the life-giving fuel of joy in Christ.

HAPPINESS MUST BE SUSTAINED ... JOY SUSTAINS YOU...

HAPPINESS IS A REACTION TO SOMETHING GREAT. JOY IS THE PRODUCT OF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE GREAT.

1. She heard of Solomon's connection with the name of the Lord
2. She came to put his reputation to the test with hard questions
3. She brought a lot of "baggage" that she thought was impressive
4. She didn't believe the reputation until she saw with her own eyes
5. The happiness of his servants was the "clincher" for her

**Are you HAPPY about serving God?
About being in church?**

A better question: Could anybody else who met you today tell it?

We are God's "customer service representatives" as far as people are concerned! No matter how good God is, people will not believe it if they check out His people and find them unconcerned, rude or petty.