

A silhouette of a person standing with arms outstretched, facing a bright sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, with their arms spread wide. The mountains in the background are dark and silhouetted against the bright light.

*How to
Maintain Joy
in Ministry*

Philippians 1:12-18

“One of the surest measures of a Christian’s spiritual maturity is what it takes to rob him of his Spirit-bestowed joy.”

—John MacArthur

**1. Maintain joy in ministry by
focusing on Christ.**



2. Maintain joy in ministry by sharing the Gospel.



**Be present where you are.
Share the Gospel right where
you are.**



**Discomfort will be required
to win the lost.**



**Let others be inspired by
your Gospel sharing.**



3. Maintain joy in ministry by loving Christ's glory more than your own.



“It’s true that some here preach Christ because with me out of the way, they think they’ll step right into the spotlight. But the others do it with the best heart in the world. One group is motivated by pure love, knowing that I am here defending the Message, wanting to help. The others, now that I’m out of the picture, are merely greedy, hoping to get something out of it for themselves...”

...Their motives are bad. They see me as their competition, and so the worse it goes for me, the better—they think—for them. So how am I to respond? I've decided that I really don't care about their motives, whether mixed, bad, or indifferent. Every time one of them opens his mouth, Christ is proclaimed, so I just cheer them on! And I'm going to keep that celebration going"

(Philippians 1:15–18, The Message)

Application:

**Your consistent joy in
ministry can reveal the
Gospel to others.**



“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

(Hebrews 12:2)

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