

John 237 “Watch And Learn And Then Do” John 15:11-12

Contrary to popular opinion, true greatness is related to selflessly, sacrificially serving others.

It is virtually impossible to learn successful comforting principles in the midst of intense adversity.

Two keys to success in facing any circumstance in life are processing of our standing in Christ followed by our meeting His expectation for us.

The result of us comprehending our standing or eternal position in Christ is a desire to fulfill

His expectation for us to love what He commands as we desire to have what He promises.

To put a smile on the Father’s Face is to do the Father’s will.

So, Jesus says: “For starters, I’d like you all to have the same joy that I have!”

We must never forget that for believers in Jesus Christ, the world’s persecution and sorrow are temporary and His joy is permanent.

The nature of joy is determined by what stimulates or causes it.

The absorption of God’s Word causes us to be able to have His joy during trials, unfair treatment and undeserved suffering.

The more we know of Jesus Christ and His work, the more joyful we become when doing the will of His Father.

Jesus is saying: “Abide in Me, love like Me as I love the Father and seek to please Him and therefore, continue where I leave off by demonstrating the love we share to the world which by the way, hates Me and My Father and will hate you too!”

Sin obscures our identity, while it reveals the identity of the unbeliever.