

**MATTHEW 2 – LESSONS FROM THE WISE MEN**

*The promise of Scripture is that if we seek God, we will find Him, and when we find Him, we will find eternal life.*

*“I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.”*

– LUKE 2:10, NLT

**CHOOSE JOY!**

**1. Our joy quotient is directly related to \_\_\_\_\_ we look for (seek)**

→ **We have to look for joy in the right \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”*

– MATTHEW 2:2, NLT

*“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”*

– MATTHEW 6:33, NLT

*“People will always find a way to create margin for what’s important to them and what they value.”*

– JEFF SPADAFORA

**2. Our joy quotient is directly related to \_\_\_\_\_ we look (seek)**

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*“Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem.”*

– MATTHEW 2:1, NLT

[Herod to Wise Men] *“Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”*

– MATTHEW 2:8, NLT

*“There’s no room for Christ in our hearts when we fill our hearts up with lots of other things first.”*

– MARISA PACCHIAROTTI

**3. Our joy quotient is directly related to \_\_\_\_\_ we look (seek)**

→ **We have to look for joy with the right \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.”*

– ISAIAH 55:6, NLT

*“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”*

– MATTHEW 7:7, NLT

*“If you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.”*

– DEUTERONOMY 4:29, NLT

## JANUARY = 31 DAYS OF JOY FROM GOD'S WORD

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1. **"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever."** Ps. 16:11
2. "You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands!" Is. 55:12
3. **"For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning."** Ps. 30:5
4. "The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the Lord made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling. O nations of the world, recognize the Lord, recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong." 1 Chron. 16:26-28
5. **"Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest."** Ps. 126:5-6
6. "For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs." Zeph. 3:17
7. **"The hopes of the godly result in happiness, but the expectations of the wicked come to nothing."** Pr. 10:28
8. "I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels." Is. 61:10
9. **"When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies."** Jer. 15:16
10. "I will shout for joy and sing your praises, for you have ransomed me." Ps. 71:23
11. **"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"** Jn. 15:11
12. "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:13
13. **"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy."** Jas. 1:2
14. "The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Gal 5:22-23
15. **"You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence."** Acts 2:28

16. "Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." Rom. 12:12
17. **"You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy."** Jn. 16:24
18. "For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Rom. 14:17
19. **"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy."** Ps. 5:11
20. "Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!" Phil. 4:4
21. **"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."** 1 Thess. 5:16-18
22. "So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!" Ps. 32:11
23. **"But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, 'God is great!'"** Ps. 70:4
24. "There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!" Lk. 15:7
25. **"May he grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed. May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God. May the Lord answer all your prayers."** Ps. 20:4-5
26. "'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!'" Lk 2:10-11
27. **"Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him."** Ps. 95:1-2
28. "Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!" Neh. 8:10b
29. **"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires."** Ps. 37:4
30. "I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God." Ps. 84:2
31. **"This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."** Ps. 118:24