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You will not operate in the gifts of the Spirit until you operate in the fruits of the Spirit.

Example: I recently walked nine unbelieving Holocaust survivors to see a life-changing film. On that very same day, 40 years earlier, I learned that my business partner stole \$40,000 from my company. I forgave her and released her from all obligations and went on to build up the business with God. We succeeded and prospered, and I renamed the business, "The Kings Office." That incident and my total forgiveness of my business partner had been done then. The reminder came exactly 40 years later to the day, as I walked those Holocaust survivors to see this film that my husband wrote many years ago, that my actions were still bearing fruit.

BUT fruit bearing is ongoing: In 2015, a new situation had arisen in my life, and in this new time and place, I needed to face and to be set free from un-forgiveness, bitterness, feeling sorry for myself and judgment of someone who has hurt me deeply. It became obvious that until this happened in my life, the very fruit that I wanted to see multiplied would rot on the tree. God is not mocked, we reap what we sow. Galatians 6:7

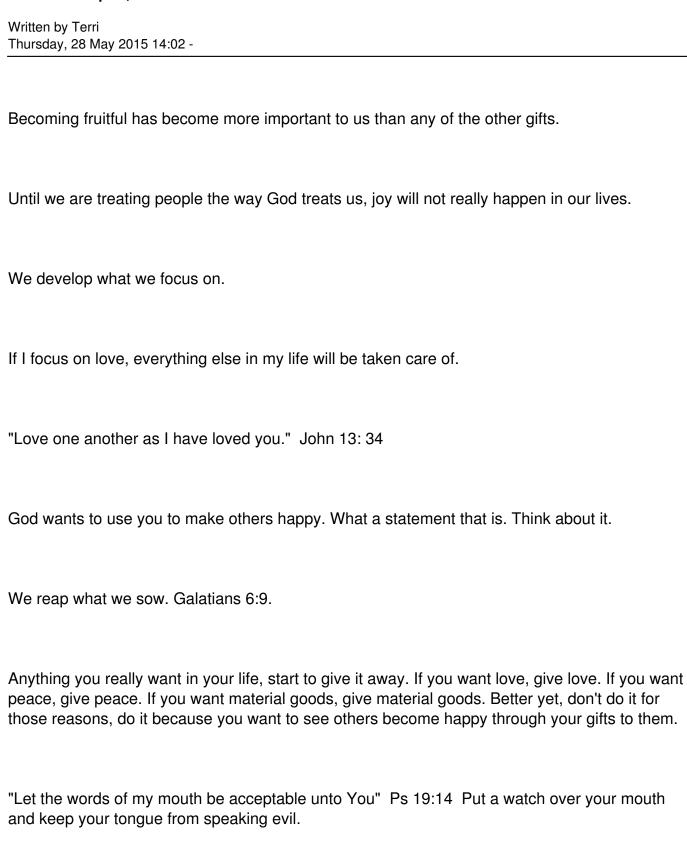
God in His mercy showed me my heart, and I wanted to see it. I did not want to hide from it or Him. God knew I was ready: My cousin, in the USA has harbored resentment and bitterness against me for over 35 years. I've tried in every way to reconcile with her until, finally, both my husband and my son said, "Stop pursuing this! Her heart is hard." I had peace. I let the matter go, and with God's help, also my own bitterness and frustration in the situation.

The story continues: There is a women who the Lord allowed me to lead to Himself 38 years ago. This woman, directly reappeared in my life recently, and I learned that she is a friend of my alienated cousin. She wrote an outstanding letter of love filled with prayers for my cousin as she faced a dangerous operation and I know those words have and will further reach and soften her heart - my cousin will open her heart again to Him. That is what I have wanted all these 34 years; for her to come back to Him. In forgiving me for things long passed, she will find the peace that has avoided her all these years.

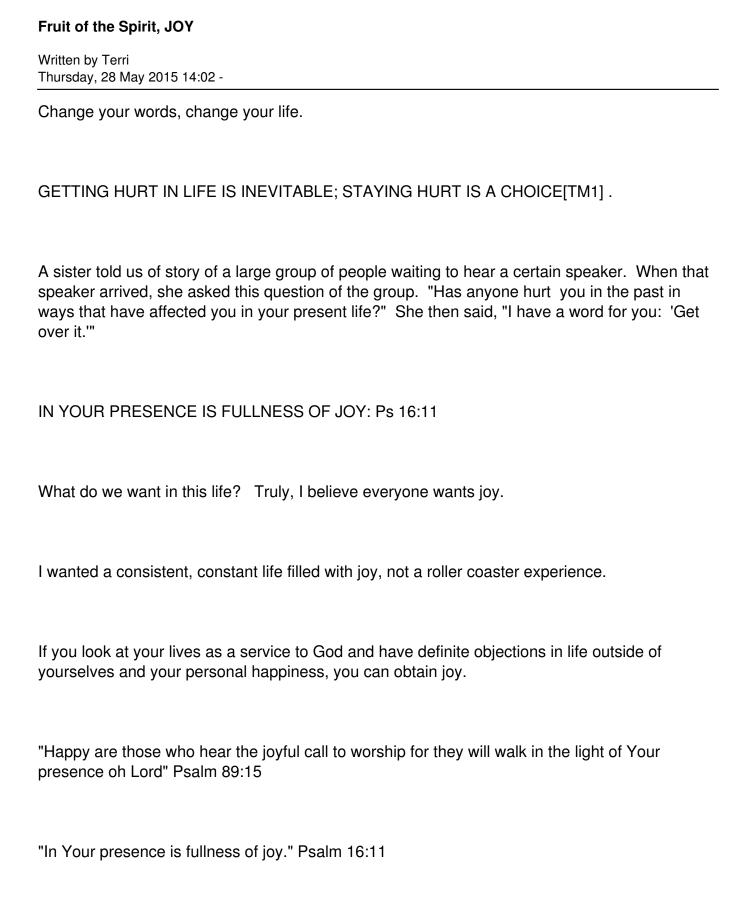
I believe like Joyce Myers that if we can begin to seek the development of the fruits of the Spirit, we will become powerful with our lives. And the power of God shows up best in our weakness.

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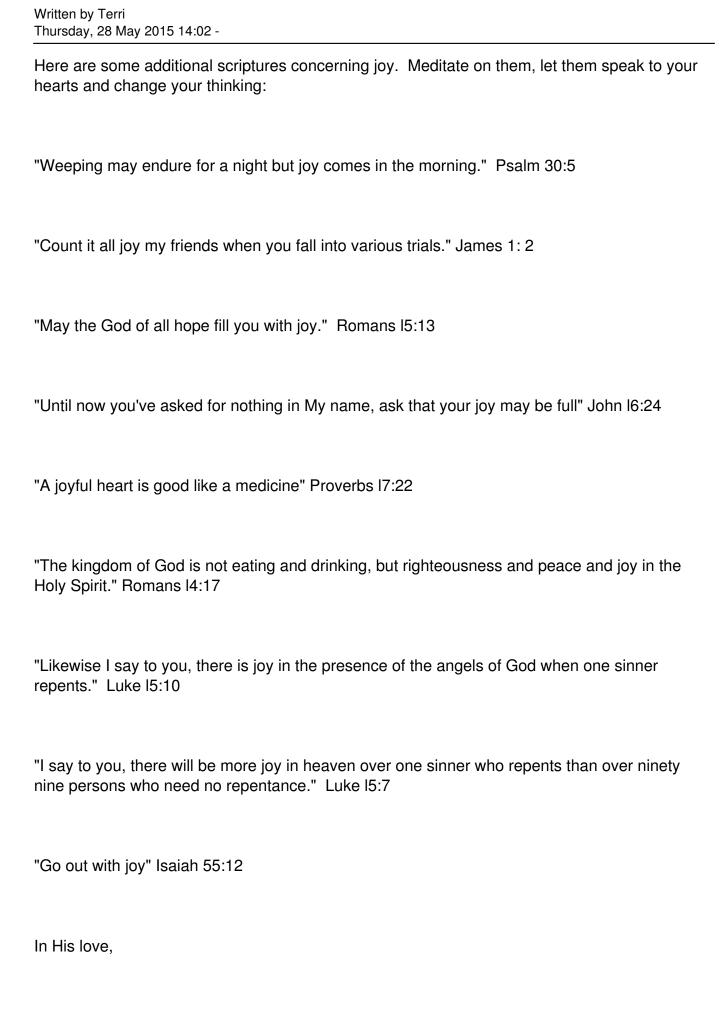
You don't always have to feel good to bless people. You can argue with words. You cannot



Some of the things that can steal our joy are sin and fear. These will suck the life out of you and

sap your joy.

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