



THE POWER OF JOY



WILL SMITH
the **PURSUIT** of
HAPPYNESS

based on

CHRIS
GARDNER

The film is based on the story
[Chris Gardner's](#) struggle with
homelessness.

CS Lewis

If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half hearted creatures, fooling around with drink, sex and ambition when infinite Joy is offered to us.

Joel 1:12

The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languishes; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because Joy is withered away from the sons of men.

Rom 5:3

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance.

Ecc1 5:10

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.

This too is meaningless.

John 15:9-11

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my Joy may be in you, and that **your Joy may be full.**

John 16:23-24

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, **that your Joy may be full.**

Heb 10:34

You suffered along with those in prison and Joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.

Heb 11:25-26 He (Moses) chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Heb 12:2

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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

CHEDVAH

GILAH

SIMCHAH

SASON

Neh 8:10

Then he (Nehemiah) said to them, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the **Joy** of the LORD is your strength.”

1Ch 16:27

Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and **Joy** are in his dwelling place.

Gal 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

Neh 8:9-10

“This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

Then he said to them, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the Joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Neh 8:12

And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth (simchah, Joy), because they had **understood the words** that were declared unto them.



Mat 25:21

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the **Joy** of your master.'

Deut 4:29

But from there you will seek the LORD your God and **you will find him**, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Zeph 3:17 Jehovah thy God is in your midst, A mighty one
doth save, He rejoices (**sason**) over you with Joy
(**simchah**), He doth work in His love, He rejoices (**giyl**)
over you with singing.' YLT