

FIGHT THE ONE THING THAT IS STEALING YOUR JOY

What do you have that you didn't receive? (1 Corinthians 4:7)

Fight entitlement because entitlement fights enjoyment.

1) Growing in God's Word fights entitlement.

And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (Colossians 3:15-16)

2) Gathering with God's people fights entitlement.

Come, let's shout joyfully to the LORD, shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation! Let's enter his presence with thanksgiving; let's shout triumphantly to him in song. (Psalm 95:1-2)

3) Giving to God's mission fights entitlement.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us—excel also in this act of grace. I am not saying this as a command. Rather, by means of the diligence of others, I am testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:7-9)

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Reflection Question:

How is God leading you to fight entitlement in your life?
How will this lead to greater joy?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.