

Fun Times

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Part 3

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.
(Proverbs 17:22, New Living Translation)

It is time to bring back the Ark of our God, for we neglected it during the reign of Saul.
(1 Chronicles 13:3, NLT)

Then the LORD's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and he struck him dead because he had laid his hand on the Ark. So Uzzah died there in the presence of God.
(1 Chronicles 13:10, NLT)

David was angry because the LORD's anger had burst out against Uzzah. . . . David was now afraid of God, and he asked, 'How can I ever bring the Ark of God back into my care?'
(1 Chronicles 13:11-12, NLT)

HOW CAN YOU GET BACK TO JOY FROM BITTERNESS AND ANGER?

1. Seek God's presence again.

The Ark of God remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the LORD blessed the household of Obed-edom and everything he owned.
(1 Chronicles 13:14, NLT)

Taste and see that the LORD is good.
(Psalm 34:8, NLT)

2. Look to God's Word for correction.

Because you Levites did not carry the Ark the first time, the anger of the LORD our God burst out against us. We failed to ask God how to move it properly.
(1 Chronicles 15:13, NLT)

If you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it.
(1 Peter 3:14, NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us. . . . It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
(2 Timothy 3:16, NLT)

Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. . . . Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.
(1 Peter 3:7, NLT)

*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple."
"If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!*
(Malachi 3:10, NLT)

Then the Levites carried the Ark of God on their shoulders with its carrying poles, just as the LORD had instructed Moses.
(1 Chronicles 15:15, NLT)

After the men who were carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.
(2 Samuel 6:13, NLT)

3. Take time to celebrate your victories.

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.
(Zechariah 4:10, NLT)

Today, I'm thanking God for:

And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment.
(2 Samuel 6:14, NLT)

4. Warning: Don't let your anger turn to bitterness.

But as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him.
(2 Samuel 6:16, NLT)

From the beginning God made them male and female. . . . the two are united into one.
(Matthew 19:4-5, NLT)

Don't sin by letting anger control you.' Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.
(Ephesians 4:26-27, NLT)

Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.
(Hebrews 12:15, NLT)

When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, 'How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked!
(2 Samuel 6:20, New International Version)

*David was dressed in a robe of fine linen. . . . David was **also** wearing a priestly garment.*
(1 Chronicles 15:27, **emphasis added**)

5. Don't let Satan steal your joy!

I was dancing before the LORD, who chose me. . . . and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes!
(2 Samuel 6:21-22, NLT)

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety.
(Proverbs 29:25, NLT)

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises.
(James 5:13, NLT)

David also ordered. . . . singers and musicians to sing joyful songs.
(1 Chronicles 15:16, NLT)