

Move That Gus!

Do you remember the home makeover show when they said, "Move That Bus!" in order to reveal a brand new house? When I say move that gus I am talking about the old term referring to your face, especially when it is not a happy looking gus. Listen up people! I want us to get the sour look off our faces today and have joy. God has called us to be joyful people, so move that gus! Billy Sunday once said, "The trouble with many men is that they have got just enough religion to make them miserable. If there is no joy in religion, you've got a leak in your religion."

Let's mention six reasons why some Christians may not appear to be joyful.

1. You want more than you have. You and I need to live with plenty or with little, because contentment doesn't come when we have everything we want, but when we want everything we have.
2. You are angry with someone. Free yourself from your stubbornness and pride and begin to pray for God's help in resolving your conflict.
3. You have unrepented sin. You don't need to wait until the end of this article. You can go to God right now and confess your sin, and you can once again taste the joy that was once yours.
4. You have people in your life that squash your joy for you. Let's forget our differences, because they drain the joy out of us. Don't let them steal your right to be joyful.
5. You feel that you don't have the right to be joyful. You may have come through a divorce or you may have been in trouble with the law and now feel you do not deserve to be joyful. If God could forgive Paul, then He can forgive you too.
6. You are the victim of unpleasant circumstances. Our day of real joy is yet to come. Right now things may be tough, but one of these days we will know joy at its best. So, in the midst of unpleasant circumstances, let's keep our eyes on the final victory in Jesus.

John 15:10-11, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." Move that gus!

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