

“Joyful”  
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**Luke 10:38-42 (ESV)**

### THE CONSEQUENCES OF A JOYLESS LIFE

1. I question God’s care (v. 40).
2. I find fault with others (v. 40).
3. I become self-absorbed (v. 40).
4. Duty replaces devotion (v. 41).

### A NECESSARY STEP TO REGAINING JOY IN THE LORD

I have to slow down and prune (vv. 41-42).

### KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN PRUNING

1. What are my top values? What are my highest priorities?
2. What activities can I cut out of my life, either temporarily or permanently?
3. When is your Sabbath and how do you protect it (Exodus 20:8-11)?

### KEY THOUGHT

If you don’t prune, you will always get average or worse.

### CENTRAL TRUTH:

I have to slow down and prune if I want to experience greater joy in the Lord.