



# ABIDE IN JOY

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ABIDING IN GROWTH



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the finished work of Christ

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*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

*James 1:19-21*

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# 1. Anger is Not a Good First Resort

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*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every  
person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to  
anger;*

*James 1:19*

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## 2. Our Effort Doesn't Bring Righteousness



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*For the anger of man does not produce the  
righteousness of God.*

*James 1:20*



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*And let steadfastness have its full effect, that  
you may be perfect and complete, lacking in  
nothing.*

*James 1:4 ESV*



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### 3. Put off Your Old Angry Ways

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*Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

*James 1:21*

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“Rampant Wickedness” - ESV



“All that remains of Wickedness” - NASB

“Superfluity of Naughtiness” - KJV

“Overflow of Wickedness” - MKVJ

“All the filth and evil in your lives” - NLT

# Oswald Chambers



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**unlearn**

what you have  
learned





## 4. Surrender to Christ's Work

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*James 1:21*



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# Meekness



Greek - “a horse that had been tamed and bridled.”

“meekness meaning restraining one's own power, so as to allow room for others”



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*...work out your own salvation with fear and  
trembling, for it is God who works in you, both  
to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

*Philippians 2:12b-13 ESV*

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# CONCLUSION

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