"The Greek word for "joy" is chara, derived from the word charis, which is the Greek word for grace. This is important to note, for it tells us categorically that chara ("joy") is produced by the charis ("grace") of God. This means "joy" isn't a human-based happiness that comes and goes. Rather, true "joy" is divine in origin, a fruit of the Spirit that is manifested particularly in hard times. Someone may feel happiness, merriment, hilarity, exuberance, excitement, or "high spirits," but all of these are fleeting emotions. On the other hand, "joy" is a Spirit-given expression that flourishes best when times are strenuous, daunting, and tough!"
Rick Renner, *Sparkling Gems: From the Greek*

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Entry Points for Demons

Miscellaneous Open Doors to Demons

1. **Prolonged voluntary sins**
   I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me. John 14:30 Jesus is saying here that the devil can find no area of agreement with him and thus there are no open doors. Continual sin in any area is an open door for Satan to come in.
2. **Idolatry**
   The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshipping demons and idols of

gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood-idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Revelation 89:20

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Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Colossians 3:5

3. **Religious Sin** (Isaiah 1:10-20)
   Legalism, pharasaicalism, tradition, and religious practices which become more important to a person than God Himself; idols in the church such as the choir, previous pastor, organ, etc.; wrong attitudes towards scripture (ex. Not believing in the inerrancy of the scriptures,); Reading the Satanic Bible; Abuse of the Gifts of the Spirit; Universalism (all people are saved no matter what they believe or do and don't do).
4. **Sexual Sin**
   Sexual abuse, fornication, adultery, perverted sex, homosexuality, fantasy, pornography, beastiality.
5. **Traumas and accidents**
   Unwanted pregnancy, physical or emotional or psychological or sexual abuse, separation and divorce, major illness, unemployment, accidents, fear, miscarriages, abortions, grief, shock, rejection
6. **Fears and Phobias**
7. **Fatigue**
8. **Having cursed objects in home or living in a place which has been opened up to a demonic presence**
9. **Rebellion against authority**
10. **Rock Music, Ungodly movies, Soap Operas, etc.**

How We Can Have Victory

Revelation 12:11: *And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

1. The Blood of Jesus
2. The Word
3. The commitment to follow Him regardless of the price, even if it means soulish death (ego, ambitions, plans, etc.) or physical death