

JOYS AND TACKS

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One of my favorite children's songs is "I've Got the Joy." The first verse is as follows:

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.

Where? Down in my heart!

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**I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.**

This is how a Christian should feel! The Bible speaks of the great joy that we should have in Christ {Acts 13:52; Romans 12:12; 15:13; Galatians 5:22; James 1:2; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 John 1:4}. Unfortunately, in some Christians you have to dig pretty deep to find just a flicker of joy. They act more like they've been doing what the children's song goes on to tell the Devil to do:

And if the Devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack.

OUCH!

Sit on a tack.

OUCH!

Sit on a tack.

And if the Devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack OUCH!

Sit on a tack to stay.

I can't help but be tickled at children telling the old Devil to sit on tack! But, again, some of us act as though we've been sitting on tacks - sour, dour, and joyless. The Devil likes for us to be irritated and gloomy like him, but God's children are to be joyous and happy in the truth of God. Sadly, as we get older things become more difficult. Things may not go as we had hoped or planned and if one is not careful it can cause us to become discouraged and depressed. Count your blessings, accept the circumstances you're in and make the best of it! What about you? Is your life full of joy or are you sitting on tacks? ***