Character Trait Jan 23rd – 27th is Joyfulness Proverbs 11:3, "The integrity of the upright guides them"

Character: the qualities built into an individual's life that determine their responses, regardless of circumstances.

Joyfulness: Maintaining a good attitude, even when faced with difficulty.

Derivation: joy•ful•ness n 1: the state of being joyful; gladness 2: a very glad feeling; great pleasure; delight 3: an expression of joy, such as looks, actions, speech

Daily Verses:

Monday: Psalm 66:1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Tuesday: Isaiah 35:10 They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Wednesday: Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness and self control.

Thursday: Hebrews 9:1 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing your held with the oil of joy.

Friday: James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

Bible Story Luke 1:46-55 describes Mary being joyful even though she was about to face a great unknown.

Quote: The very nature of Joy makes nonsense of our common distinction between having and wanting. – C.S. Lewis

Application: Rejoice in the Lord always. Remember His goodness to us.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Do other people see and benefit from your joyful spririt?
- 2. How do you benefit from other people who are joyful?