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D. L. Moody: Part 5: Joy Is a Ministry Strategy

In his book, Lyle Dorsett describes Moody's genuine joy around people, especially children. Moody's joy was part of the way he reflected the heart of Christ.

Dorsett notes how Moody's friendliness, humor, and down-to-earth personality made people feel welcome before they ever heard him speak. Children were drawn to his joy. They sensed that he genuinely liked them.

Even in demanding seasons of ministry, Moody maintained a cheerful spirit, because



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he believed that joy opened hearts to the gospel.

Moody's joy was not forced. It came from a deep confidence in God's goodness and presence. That inner gladness spilled over into the way he cared for people.

*The joy of the Lord is your strength. –
Nehemiah 8:10*

For our ministry:

Joy creates an atmosphere where kids feel welcomed. A joyful leader helps children experience the goodness and kindness of God.





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For our personal lives:

Joy grows when we draw near to God. Practices like gratitude, worship, time in Scripture, and remembering God's faithfulness help restore joy in our daily lives.

Thank you for bringing joy into the rooms where you serve. Kids notice it, feel it, and are drawn to Jesus because of it.

Blessings,
Dave

