



Why Be Joyful?

Philippians 4:4-9

Isaiah 53:3 (NKJV)

³ He is despised and rejected by men, **A Man of sorrows** and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.





John 16:33 (NLT)

³³ I have told you....

here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows...

**It is better to go to the
house of mourning, than
to go to the house of
feasting: for that is the
end of all men...**

—Ecclesiastes 7:2

Ecclesiastes 7: "2 It is better to go to a funeral than to a party. We all must die, and everyone living should think about this. 3 Sorrow is better than laughter, and sadness has a good influence on you. 4 A wise person thinks about death, but a fool thinks only about having a good time."



Blessed are those
who mourn
for they will be comforted.

MATTHEW 5:4

Rejoice in the
Lord always;
again I will say,
Rejoice.

- Philippians 4:4 ESV





REJOICE IN THE LORD

Always

Philippians 4:4

Life without joy is overwhelming!



JOY



JOY IN GREEK:

CHARA - THE JOY AND HAPPINESS EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF CHARIS, "GRACE," WHICH BRINGS WELL-BEING TO MEN.

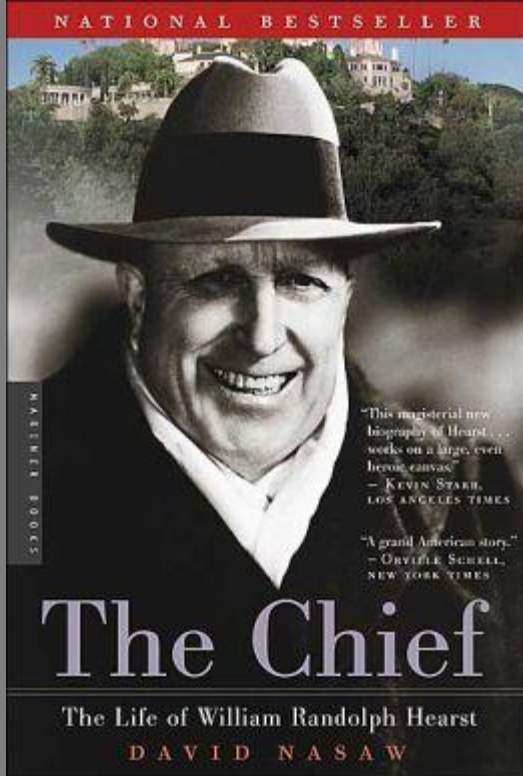
JOY IN HEBREW:

RINNAH – THE THOUGHTS OF MAN ACTIVE IN GRACE

SIMHA – GRACE/PRAISES SETS UP A HEDGE AND THE BLOOD/HOLY SPIRIT SENDS JUDGMENT

Fruits
of the Spirit

JOY





Rejoice

IN THE LORD

Psalm 117

YOU ARE OF GOD, LITTLE CHILDREN, AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM,
BECAUSE HE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.

1 John 4:4 (NKJV)



WE ARE MORE THAN
CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US.

ROMANS 8:37

And we know that
in **ALL** things
GOD works for the **good** of
those who **LOVE** him,
who have been **called**
according to **his purpose.**

Romans 8:28

IN HIM
we LIVE
MOVE
HAVE OUR
& being
Acts 17:28



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“Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation. You’ll find nothing in that definition about happy feelings, because, as we all know, happiness is fleeting and temporary.”

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything,
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And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
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FOCUS

Finally, brothers,
whatever is **true**
whatever is **noble**
whatever is **right**
whatever is **pure**
whatever is **lovely**
whatever is **admirable**
—if anything is **excellent**
or **praiseworthy**
—think about such things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

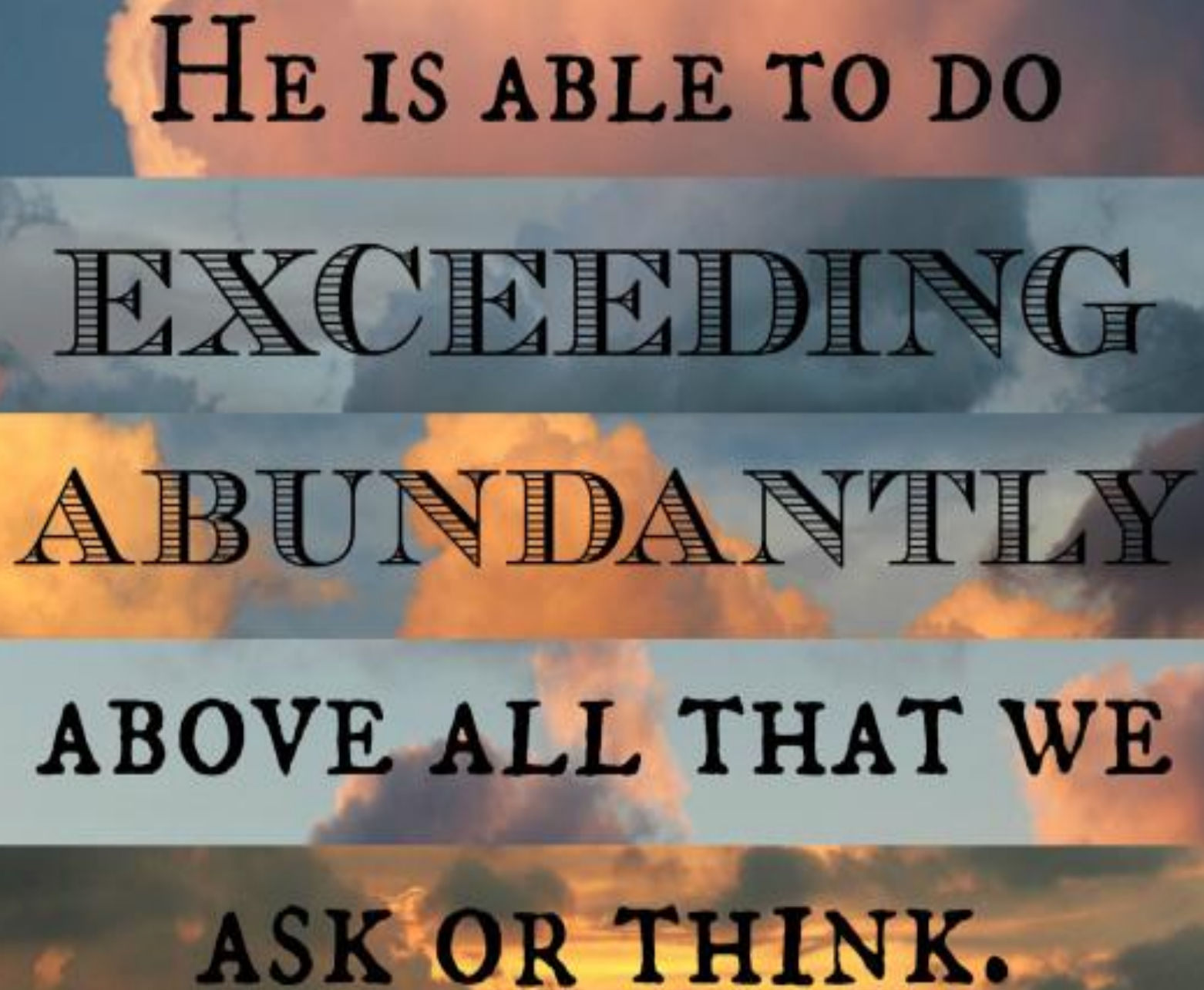


THE REWARD

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