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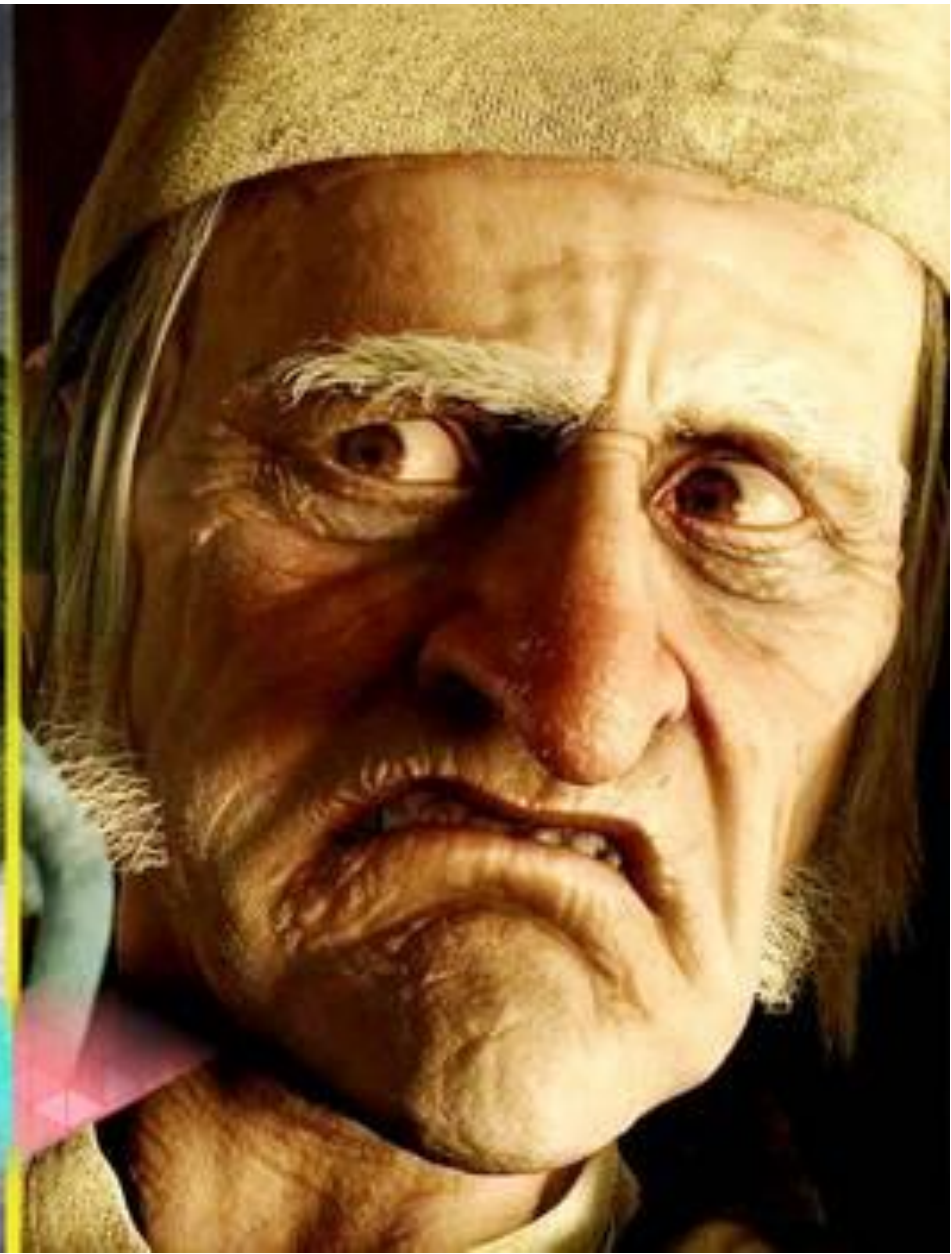


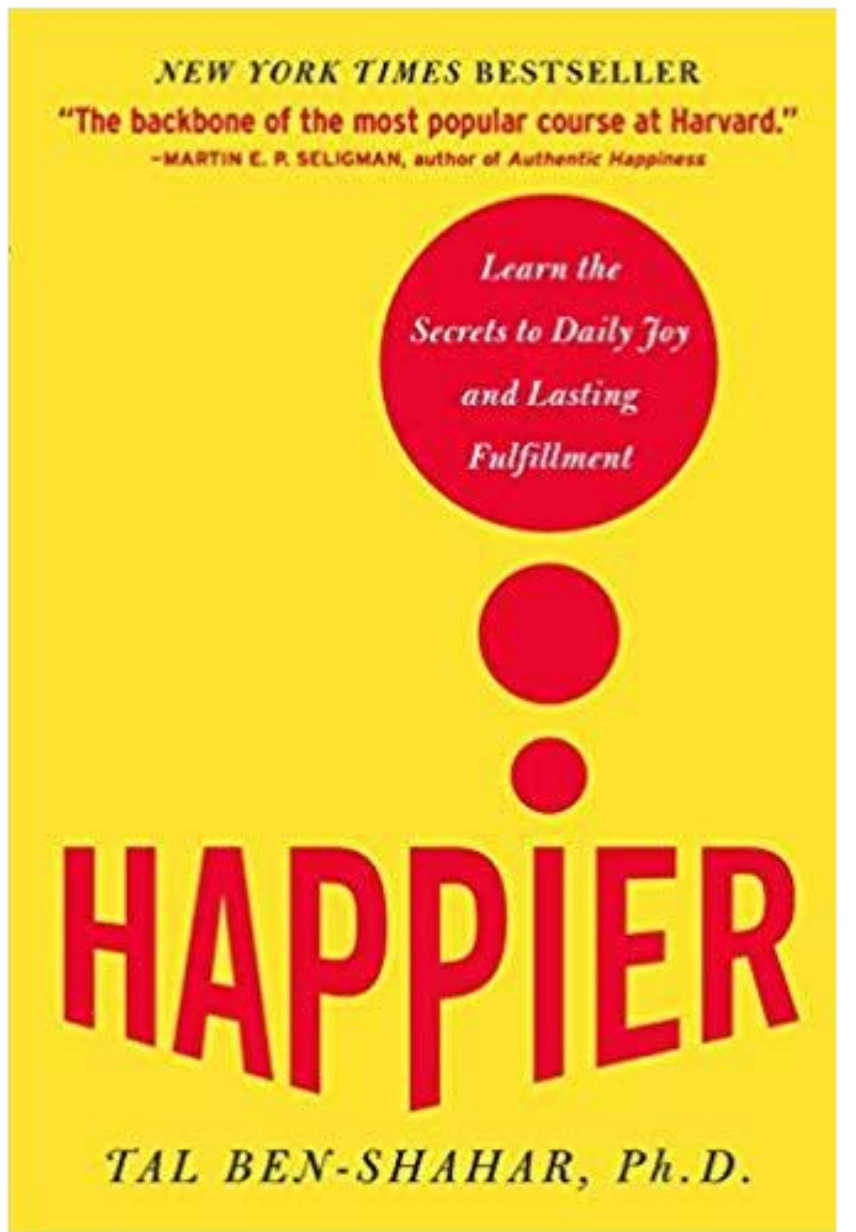
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**There are some famous
people who do not enjoy
the Christmas season:**





People are in pursuit of happiness

Book described as:

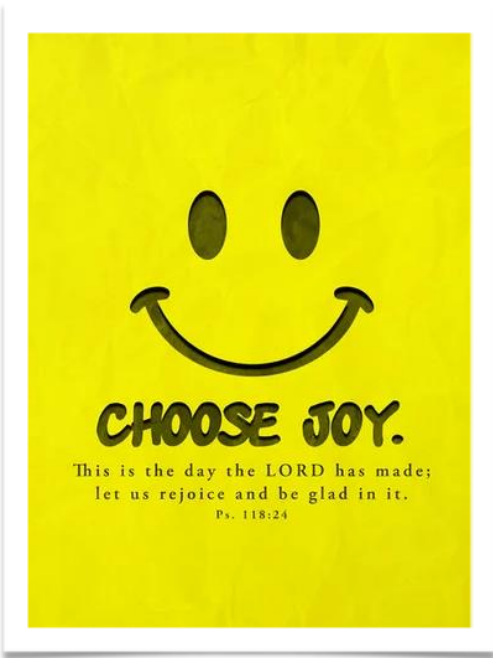
"The backbone of the most popular course at Harvard."

SOURCES OF JOY IN BIBLE

Genesis 1:31 creation is “very good”
(Psalm 65:11-12)

Jeremiah 33:11 - Joy at a wedding

Proverbs 23:24-25 - Joy in our children



BUT.....

We know humanity is not simply one big festival of joy.....

We live in a world that's been corrupted by our own selfishness, it's marked by death and loss.



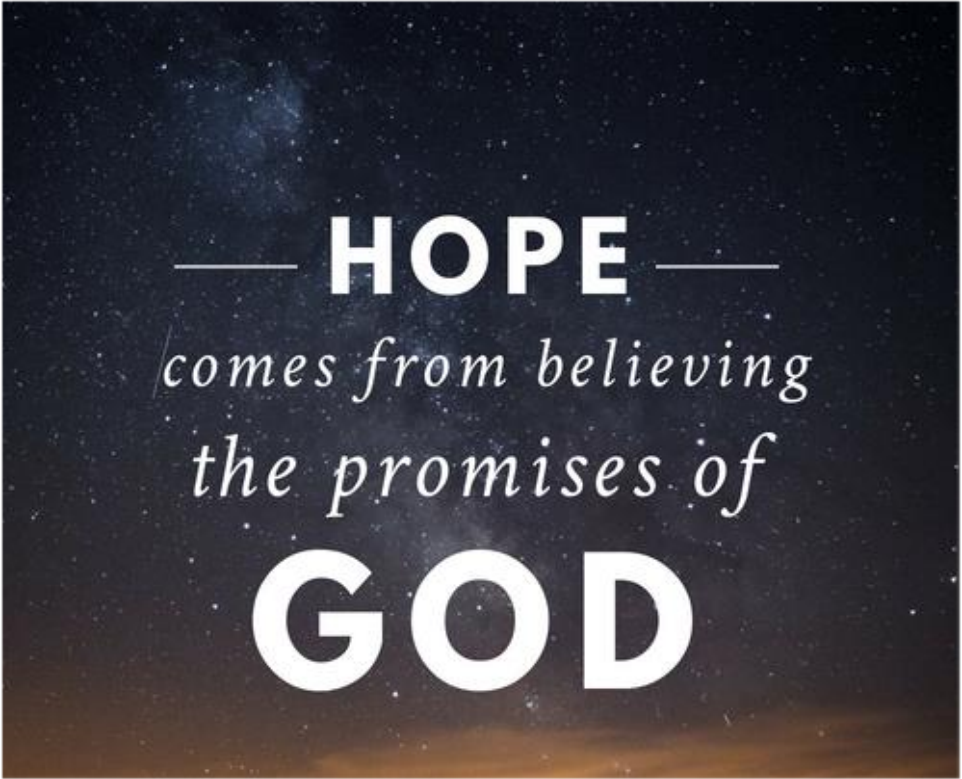
THE BIBLE OFFERS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON JOY.

It's an attitude we can adopt not because of happy circumstances.....

It's because of our hope and belief in Gods promises.

Isaiah 51:11 - Luke 2:10 - Luke 10:21 - Acts 13:52

Our hope and belief in Gods promises.



— **HOPE** —
*comes from believing
the promises of*
GOD

Isaiah 51:11

Luke 2:10

Luke 10:21

Acts 13:52

Joy can inspire hope in the midst of hardship:

Phil 1:25 the joy of faith

Phil 3:1 joy in the Lord

***YOU MAY NOT GET NEW CIRCUMSTANCES,
BUT YOU CAN GET A NEW MINDSET.***

In the 104 verses in Philippians, Paul mentions joy around 19 times, the mind around 11 times, and Jesus roughly 65 times.

*Doesn't mean we ignore our times of sorrow,
that's not healthy or necessary.*

*Paul often expresses his grief about missing loved
ones, losing friends or his own freedom.*

2 Cor 6:10 "being full of sorrow and yet rejoicing"

CONCLUSION:



Not a daisy chain God.....

*God has a **PLAN** and **PURPOSE** for your life,
He wants you to be in relationship with Him*

***BUT** - If we choose to live without God in this
life then we won't have the opportunity in the
next life.*

SO WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP...?

PRAYER

“Lord Jesus Christ, for too long I’ve kept you out of my life and gone my own way. I am sorry for the things I have done wrong. I now turn from everything which I know is wrong. Thank you for dying on the cross for me to set me free from my sins. I receive your forgiveness as I give my life to you. I choose to follow you. Amen”

WELCOME PACK - If you prayed that prayer or you're a guest and would like to know more we have a welcome pack for you.



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