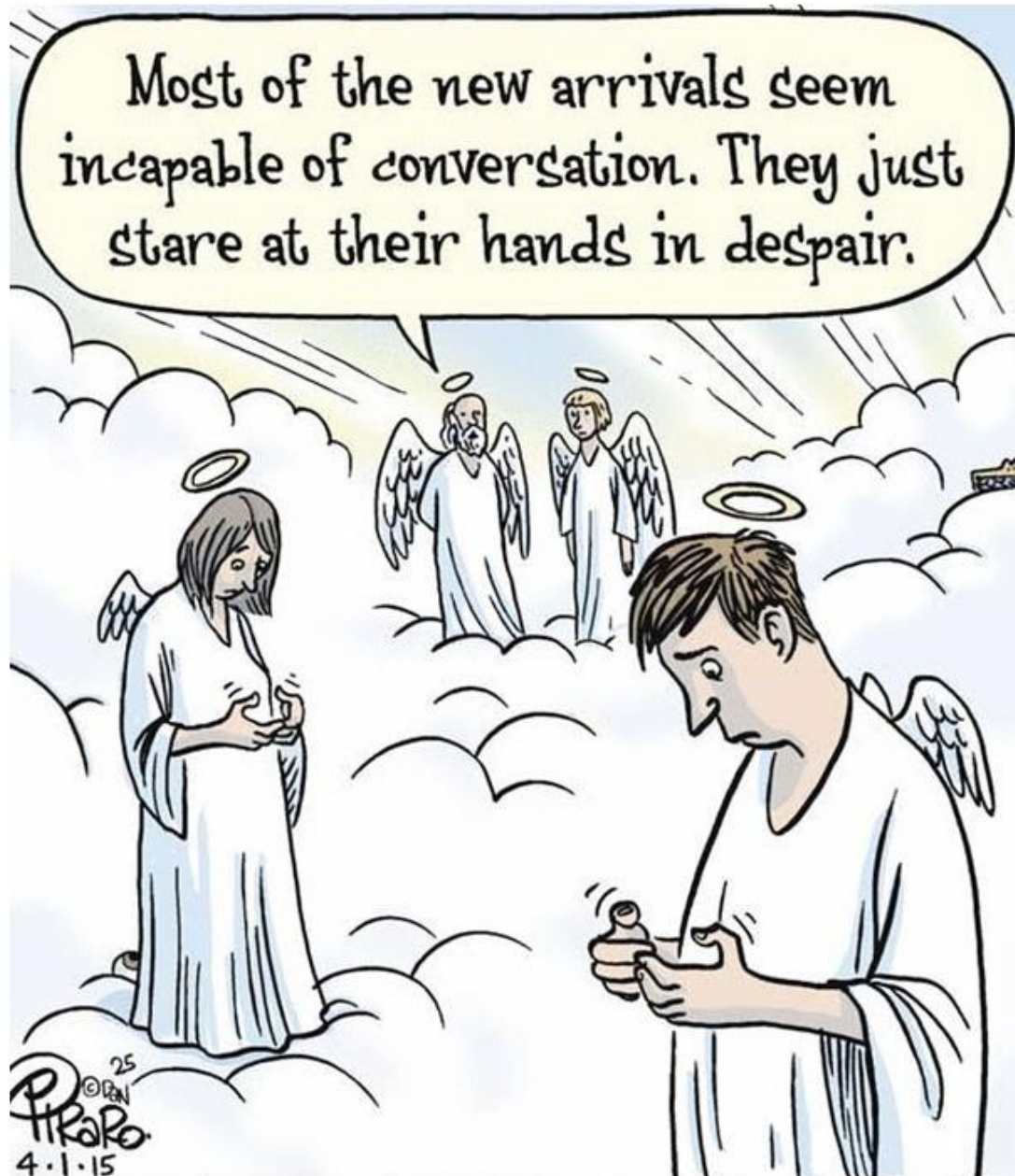


# Death of Conversation...





# PEOPLE NOWADAYS





מַתִּיָּהוּ **Mattityahu**

(Matthew) 9:27-29

- Proclamation faith/praise →
- Receiving by faith →
- Proclamation of faith/praise



**Artist rendition of 1<sup>st</sup> century  
Kfar Nahum, synagogue two story**

Mtt 9.23-26 When Yeshua arrived at the **official's house** and saw the flute-players, and the crowd in an uproar, he said, "Everybody out! The girl isn't dead, she's only sleeping!" And they jeered at him. But after the people had been put outside, he entered and took hold of the girl's hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

## Mattityahu (Matthew) 9.27

כַּאֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִשָּׁם יִשׁוּעַ הֵלְכוּ אַחֲרָיו  
שְׁנֵי אַנְשִׁים עִוְרִים כָּשְׁהֶם צוֹעְקִים:  
"בֶּן-דָּוִד, רַחֵם עָלֵינוּ!"

As Yeshua went on from there, two blind men began following him, shouting, "Son of David! Take pity on us!"



Yeshayahu/Is 9.6-7 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders, and he will be given the name Pele-Yo'etz, El Gibbor, Avi-'Ad, Sar-Shalom [Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace], in order to extend the dominion and perpetuate the peace of **the throne and kingdom of David,**

Yeshayahu/Is 9.6-7 to secure it and sustain it through justice and righteousness henceforth and forever. The zeal of ADONI-Tzva'ot will accomplish this.

In this Kingdom

Yeshayahu/Is 35.5 Then the **eyes of the blind will be opened**

Yeshayahu/Is 42.6-7 "I, ADONI, called you  
righteously, I took hold of you by the  
hand, I shaped you and made you a  
covenant for the people, to be a  
light for the Goyim, so that **you can  
open blind eyes**

## Mattityahu (Matthew) 9.28

כַּבֵּהֶפְנִסוּ הַבֵּיתָה נִגְשׁוּ אֵלָיו  
הָעוֹרִים. אָמַר לָהֶם יֵשׁוּעַ: "הֲאִם  
מֵאַמִּינִם אַתֶּם שְׂאֵנִי יְכוּל לַעֲשׂוֹת  
זֹאת?" "כֵּן, אֲדוֹנָי!" הֵשִׁיבוּ.

When he entered the house, the blind men **came up**, and Yeshua said to them, "Do you believe that I have the power to do this?" They replied, "**Yes, sir.**"

## Mattityahu (Matthew) 9.29

נִגַּע בְּעֵינֵיהֶם וְאָמַר: "יֵהָא לְכֶם  
כְּאִמּוֹנְתְכֶם!"

Then he touched their eyes and  
said, "Let it happen to you  
according to your trust".

## **Mattityahu (Matthew) 9.30-31**

and their sight was restored.

Yeshua warned them severely, "See that no one knows about it." But instead, they went away and talked about him throughout that district.

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**Receiving** Him and blessings is the essence of how Messiah's faith differs from ALL religions, from Orthodoxy to Hinduism

Ro 10.3-4 They [all religions] are unaware of **God's way of making people righteous**, and instead seek to set up their own. They have not submitted themselves to **God's way of making people righteous**. For the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, who offers **righteousness to everyone who trusts**.



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Robert Emmons,  
professor of  
psychology at the  
U Cal Davis, is  
one of the  
foremost  
authorities on the  
topic of **gratitude**  
in North America.



Emmons, a University of California, Davis professor, backs up his claim with eight years of intensive research on gratitude in his best selling book, *Thanks! How The New Science of Gratitude Can Make You Happier*. Emmons found that people who view **life as a gift** and consciously acquire an “attitude of gratitude” will experience multiple advantages. Gratitude improves

emotional and physical health, and it can strengthen relationships and communities. Some strategies include keeping a gratitude journal, learning prayers of gratitude and using visual reminders. “Without gratitude, life can be lonely, depressing and impoverished,” said Emmons. **“Gratitude enriches human life.** It elevates, energizes, inspires and transforms. People are

moved, opened and humbled through expressions of gratitude.” Cultivating an attitude of gratitude is tough. It is, according to Emmons, a “chosen attitude.” We must be willing to recognize and acknowledge that we are the **recipients** of an unearned benefit.

Emmons' research indicates that gratitude is not merely a positive emotion; it also improves your health if cultivated. People must give up a “victim mentality” and overcome a sense of entitlement and deservedness.



**Susan Sarandon, host of Science of Gratitude**

The past 10 years have seen an explosion in the scientific study of happiness. The findings so far are complex, and incomplete. But if they could be distilled into one simple prescription for happiness, it would probably be this: **Say thank you.**

**Gratitude, it seems, is a key—perhaps the key—to feeling more satisfied with your life.** It improves your relationships with loved ones. It's even good for your heart.



**People who are grateful give more.**

- No one should tithe because we are required to, but because we are BLESSED.**
- No one should serve because we are required to, but because we are BLESSED.**



# **7 Ways to Cultivate Joy**

**Chuck Swindol**

1. Rehearse with God the reasons **you trust Him**. Tell Him which of His attributes is your favorite right now. Read the praises of Scripture back to Him — begin with Psalms 103:1. Join with another believer in prayers of thanksgiving, and delight yourself in His character.

**2. Keep a "joy journal." Record the reasons you have to rejoice and the reminders of God's faithfulness that you encounter in your everyday life. In addition, why not press a leaf from your prayer walks into its pages or include a photo of a person that brings you joy each time you remember him or her? Think big — expand your journal into a "joy box" or a "joy drawer" that brings floods of joy each time you open it.**

**3. Surround yourself with joyful people. Joy is contagious — so build relationships with friends whose lives exhibit their confidence in God. Pray for each other that your joy in King Messiah Yeshua would continue to increase.**

**4. Approach life's challenges and trials redemptively. God doesn't waste the difficult circumstances of your life but uses them to develop His character in you. Review Romans 5:1 and James 1:1 for help in processing pressure productively. Joy will sneak up on you when you view your hardest lessons as gifts from God.**

**5. Make praise and gratitude a habit. Has God met a need? Praise Him! Have your challenges given you greater opportunities to see Him work? Thank Him! Joy flows from a grateful and responsive heart. Before you turn in at night, write down three to five blessings in your "joy journal." Make it a habit, and watch your joyful attitude grow**

**6. Fill your mind with music. Listen to, sing, and meditate on music that draws your heart nearer to God and His Word.**



**7. Take the long view.** Investors advise their clients not to worry about the daily ups and downs of the stock market — what matters is the long view. Does life present incredible challenges today? Are your reserves at a low, or are you enjoying a content plateau? Regardless of today's events, take the long view. Remember that God remains in charge of your days and will faithfully develop His character in you.

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