

A black and white photograph of Peter Singer, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark turtleneck and a light-colored jacket. He is holding a microphone in his right hand and looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

"How good does life have to be, to make it reasonable to bring a child into the world?... We spend most of our lives with unfulfilled desires, and the occasional satisfactions that are all most of us can achieve are insufficient to outweigh these prolonged negative states... If we could see our lives objectively, we would see that they are not something we should inflict on anyone"

**-Peter Singer writing in the *New York Times*
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The Abundant Life





The Art Of Living

Jesus promised an abundant life for His followers, but not in the way we typically think of "abundance" – It is not in years, worldly knowledge, accomplishment, or even wealth (Luke 12:15).

The Center Of My Life

- ◆ One of the reasons why so many have failed to have an eternally rewarding life is because they have not made God the center of it.
- ◆ Since we all fall short of the glory of God because of sins, we need to have a "center" that we can return to for reconciliation (1 John 1:8-9) David know this well (Psalm 51:1-10).



Optimism

Part of the richness of a life sustained by God is the optimism that it breeds.

Even after we commit terrible sins, there is still the renewal that comes from God (Psalm 51:7-9).

Optimism

- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).
- "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)
- "I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me" (Psalms 23:4).
- "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me" (John 14:1).



The Riches Of Forgiveness

- ◆ We must also apply these lessons to forgiveness given (Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:15).
- ◆ Forgetfulness is an important part of forgiving others as we have been forgiven (Hebrews 10:17).
- ◆ This might not be the natural response, but it is the required one if we are to live in the light of our own forgiveness (Jeremiah 31:34).



Paralyzed By Fear

Often, we are paralyzed by all of the things that could go wrong. Potential hazards, however, can become excuses for laziness (Proverbs 26:13).

It is a dangerous world (Psalm 27), but we must live with the boldness of those who have been saved and sealed by God.