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The New Testament reserves a special edition of the word **much** for only three specific instances: agape **love**; great **indignation**, and; exceeding **joy**. Jude 1:18-25 ⇒ speaks to us with useful help in what seems to be the last days regarding these three emphasized areas:

“... at the last time there will be mockers following ungodlinesses according to their lusts. These are they setting themselves apart, animal-like ones, not having the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up by your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the **love of God**, eagerly awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to everlasting life. And pity some, making a distinction. But save others with fear, snatching them out of the fire, **hating** even the garment being stained from the flesh. Now to Him being able to keep you without stumbling, and to set you before His glory without blemish, with **unspeakable joy**; to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty and might and authority, even now and forever. Amen.”

We know that the **love of God** is where this over-the-top **much** starts; residing in the intense intimacy and two-way communication of personal relationship with the only true God. **Interestingly**, the next and interim step is **hating / feeling greatly afflicted about / owning strong indignation regarding** sin. This is very important for at least two reasons: **1)** the fact that we are saved by God’s grace ⇒ Acts 15:11; Ephesians 2:5-8; 2 Timothy 1:9 can deceitfully pervert our minds to **soften the sinfulness of sin**, and **2)** embracing the lie of laxness with sin silently and slowly **erases intimacy with God**. This is **so** significant that the Holy Spirit inspired Scripture writers to **only** assign this over-the-top **much** to **this holy hatred**, yet **not to any other** ‘negative’ command in the entire New Testament!

Having God’s love plus our own holy hatred of sin, exceeding **joy** becomes available. Without these two aforementioned prerequisites, we can be fabricating emotions instead of receiving God’s holy joy. Unlike happiness, **this** joy (16 times in the New Testament) is immune to what is happening **and** exceeds other joys (59 times in the New Testament). This joy is Biblically defined as **overjoy**. Now what is **literal** Biblical **superabundance**?

We often hear complaints about the lack of fruit or power in Christian life. The fact is: **Christians who minister have no such lack**, but have God’s **superabundance** mentioned 35 times in the New Testament. The complainers indict themselves. Acts 1:8 ⇒ describes God’s power reception: the humble receive it but the proud fabricate counterfeits (often in the form of religiosity). Evangelism is both that Scripture context, and is frequently complained about. There are clear reasons why these coexist; it helps to understand them:

Evangelism is communication of **superabundant overjoy**. Those who reject the Holy Spirit power of ⇒ Acts 1:8 open themselves to counterfeits, and the most popular one is entertainment (when it consumes more time and energy than our making of disciples). **Entertainment anesthetizes evangelism** in those who **lack** the power of the Holy Spirit, and replaces evangelism opportunities... even in those **with** the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our humility + Holy Spirit power = **superabundance**. Agape **love** + great **indignation** = **overjoy**. Biblical Christians make disciples while living in **superabundant overjoy**. ♥