

The Good Life part 3

The good life is a transformed life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

The good life is also a Spirit-filled life.

Ephesians 5:18 NKJV

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

In order to live the good life, we must learn to obey the Lord.

Rebellion is offensive to God and causes us great trouble.

Isaiah 1:19 NKJV

If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

The good life is a life of love and generosity.

Luke 6:38 NKJV

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

The Good Life is a Life of Faith

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

We can't live the good life without genuine faith. It is only when we walk in the light of the Scriptures that faith comes alive.

James 2:17 NKJV

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Faith is our victory in this world.

1 John 5:4 AMP

For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.

Therefore we must keep pressing on in faith.

Galatians 6:9 NKJV

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Many Christians do not walk in victory because they do not continue in faith.

Victory is God's will for our lives and it should be our expected end.

The Good Life Is a Life of Giving Honor

1 Samuel 2:30 AMP

Therefore the Lord God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and that of [Aaron] your father would walk [in priestly service] before Me forever.' But now the Lord declares, 'Far be it from Me—for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be insignificant and contemptible.'

If we would start with honor, we would live requiring less forgiveness. There would be things that we can't do because it would dishonor God.

Ephesians 6:2-3 AMP

2 Honor [esteem, value as precious] your father and your mother [and be respectful to them]—this is the first commandment with a promise— 3 so that it may be well with you, and that you may have a long life on the earth.

Sometimes it's not about what you didn't do, but what you did do: *what did you do to show honor?*

If things are not going well, there is a direct connection to a lack of honor.

Honoring God includes giving.

Malachi 3:8-9 NKJV

8 *“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.*

Honoring God also means honoring your spouse.

The thing that you honor and respect will bind itself to you. When someone honors you, you want them to remain in your life. You want that kind of person around you.

What we dishonor will go away from us.

We draw what we honor and repel what we dishonor. Who and what are you honoring?

Honoring God also means honoring authorities, natural and spiritual.

John 13:20 NKJV

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

The Good Life Is Enhanced Through Relationships

Proverbs 12:26 NKJV

The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

You choose your friends. Make good choices.

Relationships are costly. Pay for the right one.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NKJV

9 *Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie down*

*together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? **12** Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

You will not be truly successful without others.

Proverbs 18:22 NKJV

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10-12 NKJV

10 *Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. **11** The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. **12** She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.*

There are many good things including experiences that we will have because of the people in our lives. Those relationships take you places where you would never go on your own.

Conclusion

The good life is something that God has for everyone. These principles help you experience and enjoy it.