

Abundant Life



"Life can only be enjoyed as one acquires a true perspective of life and death and of the real purpose of life."

SPIROS ZODHIATES



PRAY FIRST: O GOD WHOSE WILL CONQUERS ALL, there is no comfort in anything apart from enjoying thee and being engaged in thy service; thou art All in all, and all enjoyments are what to me thou makest them, and no more.

Understanding the Truth

Discussion

- If you were experiencing abundant life, what would it be like? Do you think most people are experiencing abundant life? Why or why not?

Abundant Life Defined

- A. According to John 10:10, what reason does Jesus give for coming?
- B. How does Jesus define “*eternal life*” in John 17:3?

Jesus said that He is “*the way, and the truth, and the life*” (John 14:6), so when a person discovers a personal relationship with Him, not only will he find forgiveness of sins, but he also discovers what abundant life is.

What Abundant Life Is Not

- A. According to Luke 12:13-34, what did the man in the parable think abundant life was?
- B. What tragic mistake did he make?
- C. What did God call him?
- D. Why, according to 1 Timothy 6:7-10?

Keys to Experiencing Abundant Life

The Holy Spirit

- A. Look up the following verses and write down the roles the Holy Spirit plays in the believer’s life:
 - Romans 8:16: _____
 - Romans 8:26: _____
 - Galatians 5:16: _____
 - John 16:13: _____
 - John 16:8: _____
- B. What does Paul tell us to do in Ephesians 5:18?

To be “*filled with the Spirit*” means to be controlled by the Spirit. This phrase is in the present tense in the Greek language, which means that we are to keep being filled with the Holy Spirit. Whenever we obey the Spirit’s Word (the Bible), we are being filled with the Spirit.

Obedience

- A. Read John 14:15. What is evident in the life of one who claims to love Jesus?
- B. According to John 14:21, what is a result of that love and obedience?
- C. According to 1 Samuel 15:22, what does God delight in?
- D. What is the difference between obedience and sacrifice?
- E. What does this reveal about what is important to God?

The Word of God

- A. Read John 5:39. What is the purpose of Scripture?
- B. According 1 Corinthians 10:11, how can the Bible help you live an abundant life?

The abundant life consists of many elements—nearness to God, love for believers, comfort of the saints, and purpose in life. These and many more are the marks of an abundant life.

Embracing the Truth
Knitting the truth of God's Word into our lives



Are you spending time in God's Word daily? Are you obeying what you know you should right now? Are you relying on the Holy Spirit's power to change your life?

APPLICATION

Being a doer of the Word

1. What did I learn ("teaching")?
2. Where do I fall short ("reproof")?
3. What do I need to do about it ("correction")?
4. How can I make this a consistent part of my life ("training")?



ACCOUNTABILITY

Placing yourself in transparent and accountable relationships

How are you doing in the area of **LIFE** and **MINISTRY**?

- Assess your overall energy in life and ministry:

(Unstable) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (Stable)

- Assess your **feelings of effectiveness** in your ministry:

(Unstable) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (Stable)

Obeying the Truth—your mission this week

Engaging the lost through word and deed with the intention of imparting the Gospel



- Make it a point to call or visit someone you know who is struggling and encourage him or her.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK: John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."



EXTRA RESOURCES FOR THE VAULT

Piper, John. "My Abandoned Life for Your Abundant Life". Desiring God Ministries.

<http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/sermons/my-abandoned-life-for-your-abundant-life--2/download/audio/full>. Web. n.d.

Jones, Martin Lloyd. "Life Abundant, John 10:10". MLJ Trust. <https://mlj-sermons-mp3-tagged.s3.amazonaws.com/John/5468D.mp3>. Web. n.d.

Abundant Life Defined

- A. that we might have abundant life
- B. to know the only true God

What Abundant Life Is Not

- A. possessions
- B. he placed his trust in these things
- C. fool
- D. the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil

Keys to Experiencing Abundant Life

The Holy Spirit

- A.
 - Romans 8:16: testifies with our spirit that we are God's children
 - Romans 8:26: helps us to pray by interceding for us
 - Galatians 5:16: helps us to overcome sinful or fleshly desires
 - John 16:13: guides us into truth
 - John 16:8: convicts us regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment
- B. be filled with the Spirit

Obedience

- A. keeps God's commandments
- B. Jesus will love you and disclose Himself to you
- C. obeying the voice of the Lord

D. obedience comes from the heart; sacrifice is merely external

E. He wants our hearts

The Word of God

A. to testify about Christ

B. through its instruction

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