**John 10**

THE GOOD LIFE

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**John 10:10 (NKJV)** “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

**1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**1 John 3:8 (NKJV)** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

**THE GOOD LIFE IS NOT BEING SO FINANCIALLY WEALTHY THAT YOU CAN SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS … BECAUSE MONEY CANNOT SOLVE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS.**

**ANTI-EX – I remember a successful young real estate agent … and I believe he became a broker**

**ANTI-EX – Think about the men who built the most powerful companies in the world … like Google ... Apple … Amazon … Microsoft … and Disney … WHERE WILL THOSE MEN SPEND ETERNITY?**

**Mark 8:36 (NKJV)** For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

**Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)** “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

**AND THE GOOD LIFE IS NOT FULFILLED WHEN PEOPLE HAVE THE IMPRESSION OF YOU THAT YOU ARE HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL … THAT NEVER SATISFIES … AND IT’S JUST AN IMPRESSION.**

**THE GOOD LIFE IS NOT JUST BEING HEALTHY SO YOU CAN LIVE A LONG LIFE HERE ON THE EARTH … THE LIFE WE LIVE ON EARTH IS WHAT, 100 YEARS? IF YOU DON’T HAVE ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS, AND END OF GOING TO HELL FOR ETERNITY … YOU DON’T HAVE ANYTHING CLOSE TO ABUNDANT LIFE.**

**EX – I talked to a lady and her husband on the phone this morning… he’s in the hospital with Covid-19, and she has been dealing with Covid symptoms at home. This couple has been standing firmly on––and declaring––the promises of God. The report this morning was 1) the husband continues to experience improvement in his breathing, and all of the other symptoms and related complications that landed him in the hospital have been healed.**

**AND PEOPLE PROVE EVERY DAY THAT THE GOOD LIFE IS CERTAINLY NOT FULFILLED BY FINDING SOME PHYSICALLY ATTRACTIVE PERSON TO SLEEP WITH. THAT LIFE CONTINUES TO DESTROY THE GOOD LIFE.**

**THE GOOD LIFE IS FULFILLED WHEN WE GET BORN AGAIN … HAVE ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST … RECEIVE FREEDOM AND DELIVERANCE FROM THE BONDAGES OF SIN … DISCOVER GOD’S ETERNAL CALL ON YOUR LIFE … LIFE A LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS WALKING OUT YOUR ETERNAL CALLING.**

**THE GOOD LIFE IS FULFILLED WHEN WE ARE STRENGTHENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONTROL OUR CARNAL CRAVINGS, AND TO INSTEAD PURSUE OUR SPIRITUAL DESTINY … TO BE USED BY GOD TO REACH PEOPLE WITH HIS LOVE AND SALVATION.**

**EX – Years ago … as a believer in Jesus who sincerely loved God … I found myself completely in bondage to the spirit of lust. As hard as I tried, I could not break the addiction and bondage. Well, I was saved, but I sure wasn’t experiencing the good life … life more abundantly. The truth was, that even as a believer my life was on the verge of absolute ruin. But thank God that Jesus came … and as I pressed in to seek Him … setting things aside to find Him and His delivering power … He completely delivered me from the bondage of lust. THEN I felt like I was living life more abundantly.**

**John 8:34–36 (NIV)** Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. **35** Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. **36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

**ANTI-EX – I remember a man (D.I.) who had a beautiful godly wife who loved the Lord … and the most adorable blonde little children … he was a nice looking man … fun and witty … and some gal at work caught his attention … she wasn’t married and dressed more provocatively … they began to flirt and before you know it he was under the control of the spirit of adultery. He would complain to his wife that she was 10 lbs. overweight after having several children … Her weight was not the problem … (You know, the moment you begin to look at pornography, it begins stealing the good life of relationship with a life-long spouse) … He ended up leaving his beautiful, godly, Proverbs 31 wife, and his beautiful children for an immoral woman who was herself bound with lust, sin and addiction. Does that sound like “The Good Life?”**

**Proverbs 10:22 (NKJV)** The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

**John 14:30 (NLT)** “… the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me.”

**John 8:31–32** (NKJV) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **32**And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

**REPENT OF SIN**

**1 John 1:7** (NKJV) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**PURSUE GOD**

**JOIN DISCIPLESHIP**

**Psalm 119:9, 11 (NLT)** How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. **… Verse 11** I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.