

## GET THE MOST OUT OF WHAT *LIFE* HAS TO OFFER

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### **John 10:10**

Many people see life as one big struggle.

This leaves most people asking themselves the following question: "Is this all that life has to offer?" The answer is no! There is a better life - one of continual victory, financial abundance and perfect health. But the only way to this life is through Jesus Christ and the life we find in him!

*Teach me your way, Lord... I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living... Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*

Psalm 27:11-14

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10

*You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.*

Psalm 16:11 (Amplified)

You will show me the way of life. Not any road or a road but THE ROAD! When you find this path, you will find LIFE in Christ.

The first step towards this is by rebirth, but Proverbs 4:22 says *...for they bring life to those who find them...*

*Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart.*

Proverbs 4:21

What is it that you want from God? He said: He will show you the way of life - a way of satisfying joy. This we find in God's presence. It's not just about Christianity - it is not enough.

*Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I'm on the right way.*

Psalm 16:11 (Message)

John 10:10 says *...A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy...*

Jesus says in John 10:4 *that when we obey His (our Shepherd's) voice, He will lead us out.* I will finish this race! This way leads to the good life.

**Definition of WAY:** *The method, style or manner of doing something. The means by which a person achieves something. A road, opening or passage.*

*There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.*

Proverbs 14:12

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

Ps. 119:105

No one heeds God's Word. On the contrary, people heed how they feel, their own emotions and their intellect.

*We're the best of friends, and I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health-that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul!*

3 Johannes 1:2 (Message)

*For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*

I find the way to freedom, to liberation, financial freedom, success, abundance, happiness, love, joy and peace in Christ! Do not listen to the devil who uses people and circumstances to get you off the path.

The murmuring of the Israelites caused them to lose their way, and thus they did not enter the land of milk and honey.

God says to Abraham in Genesis 12:1, *Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you.* Abraham found the *way* to the blessing.

*That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.*

1 Corinthians 2:9

## What has been prepared for us?

Deuteronomy 6:1, 10-11

David says: *I see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

God wants you to get the VERY BEST that life offers - HE IS THE LIFE! *He always gives His children the VERY BEST!*

## Learning to know the way

*Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.*

Psalms 25:4-5

*The one thing I want from God, the thing I seek most of all, is the privilege of meditating in His Temple, living in His presence every day of my life.*

Psalms 27:4 (LB)

*I have followed your commands, which keep me from following cruel and evil people. My steps have stayed on your path; I have not wavered from following you.*

Psalms 17:4,5

*The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.*

Psalms 37:23, 24

As long as you stay in the Word, you will also stay on the path. Stay in the Word, and you stay on the path.

Proverbs 3:5,6

This is a heart (soul) thing. Not a head and feeling thing.

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*

Proverbs 4:23

Proverbs 3:7-10

If you know Him in all your ways, then He will facilitate and ease your path. Do not be in God's presence just because you want something from Him. Stay in His presence because you love Him.

When we do, we will have a life that is led by Him him not a life driven by nothing!

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Psalms 16:11 (Message)

## Declaration

Father, I acknowledge Your Word in my life. Your Word is my way. I delight in You, therefore are my ways pre-ordained -before the establishment of the world. I keep my heart, which is the basis of your immortal Word. From there the foundations of my life shall flow.

You are my Lord. I crown you as the director of my life. I shall no longer rely on my own abilities - but on your ability, your strength that is within me. I have your wisdom. Your insight. Your guidance. I will not wander anymore. I go forth today in obedience, just as Abraham, and take possession of my inheritance. I get the very best – the most beautiful that life offers. I have found life. I will follow it, and complete it. From now on I shall stay on this path - in the Name of Jesus, Amen.