

The Abundant Life

John 10:7-18

What Will NOT Provide The Abundant Life

- No abundant life in just living. Eccl. 1:2-11
- No abundant life in knowledge. Eccl. 1:12-18; cf. 1 Cor. 1:18ff; Rom. 1:20; Acts 17:19-21
- No abundant life in wisdom. Eccl. 2:14-16
- No abundant life found in pleasure. Eccl. 2:1-11; cf. Luke 8:14
- No abundant life found in culture or wealth. 1 Kings 10:27; cf. Vs. 21; Eccl. 5:10; cf. 1 Kings 8:62

Things That WILL Provide The Abundant Life... This Side Of Eternity

- Live in the present. Eccl. 7:8-9; James 4:13-14; Eph. 5:16
- Good friends and good food. cf. Eccl. 9:7-8
- A good wife/ husband. Eccl. 9:9; cf. Mt. 19:9; Prov. 31; Prov. 12:4; 21:9
- Doing a good job. Eccl. 9:10; Col. 3:23
- Accept without complaint that "life is not always fair." Eccl. 9:11-12; 3:11; Ps. 33:16ff; Phil. 4:13

The Abundant Life Jesus Spoke Of...Found On The Other Side Of Eternity

John 10:10 "I came that they may have life, and may have (it) abundantly."

- No real substance to life here. Eccl. 12:13-14
- Abundant life is eternal life "in Christ." 1 John 5:11-12
- Love of God makes eternal life "in Christ" possible. 1 John 4:9; John 3:16; 5:24; 3:36

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- Ultimately, the abundant life is "in Christ."
- To be "in Christ" is to be born anew. John 3:5
- Seed brings forth life. 1 Cor. 15:36
 - Word is the seed of the kingdom. Luke 8:11
 - Life and immortality brought through the gospel. 1 Tim. 1:10
 - Raised to walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:3-4

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- The Abundant life is "in Christ."

1 Tim 4:8 – "for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come."