

A Good Life or a Great Life?

Keith Dixon
May 1, 2022
Gray

Introduction

1. John 10 :10
2. Meaning of the word “life”
 - a. The word from which we get bio
 - b. The word from which we get psycho
 - c. The word from which we get zoo, it has death as its antithesis. Text
3. Meaning of the word “abundant” super added to make happy
4. What is life to you, and what is abundant living to you
5. The Bible tells us what is meant by having a good life 1 Peter 3:10
6. Let’s look at having a good, abundant, or a great life

II Discussion

1. We have a pattern to follow to have the good life 1 Peter 2:21
 - a. They had been tempted 1:6
 - b. They had been tried 1:7
 - c. They were troubled and terrorized 3:14
 - d. In all Christ problems to the above things there was nothing wrong in the Lord’s responses.
 - i. They called Him names – devil, Samaritan, a glutton or a winebibber Luke 7:33; John 7:20
 - ii. He suffered yet threatened not 1 Peter 2:23
 - iii. How would we react under these circumstances?
2. The precepts to have a full, abundant, good, great life 1 Peter 3:8-9
 - a. Be of one mind Philippians 2:2, 5
 - b. Having compassion Luke 21:50-51 replacing the servants ear
 - c. Love as brethren same care as fraternal relationships Genesis 13:8
 - d. Be pitiful, tenderhearted taking care of the feeble or the weak James 1:27; 1 Timothy 5:5
 - e. Be courteous, humble-minded 1 Peter 5:5-6
 - f. Not rendering evil for evil Jesus in the Garden Romans 12:17-21
3. The promises before us gives us a full, abundant, good and great life 2 Peter 1:4
 - a. God’s present truth will guide us is an exceeding great and precious promise 2 Peter 1:12
 - b. God’s watchful protection Hebrews 2 Peter 2:7
 - c. Christ is coming again is a exceeding great and precious promise 2 Peter 3:1ff

III Conclusion

1. Jesus is the source of all life John 1:4; 14:6
2. It is possible for a person to be physically alive and not have the life that Jesus has addressed 1 Timothy 5:9
3. Your life and my life can be changed for the better if we will but follow the example, the precepts and remember the promises
4. We must make the proper application to our lives, will you at this time?

Sources: Jimmy Clark “What Jesus said about His mission” April 27, 1993 (?) Clarke commentary, Vine’s Dictionary; Barne’s Notes