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A LIFE OF ABUNDANCE

JESUS LIVED A LIFE LIKE NO OTHER SO THAT WE COULD HAVE LIFE, ABUNDANT LIFE.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. **John 10:10 ESV**

- What is abundant life?
- Living an abundant life begins with having faith in Jesus Christ.

³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. **Matthew 6:33 NLT**

- For <u>a follower of Jesus</u>, fullness of life is not measured in terms of wealth, possessions, power, or prestige, but seeking after God and His goodness.
- A disciple of Jesus follows Jesus' teaching and does what God's Word says.

Teaching about Money and Possessions

¹⁹ "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. ²² Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. ²³ But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!"

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.²⁵ That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ²⁸ And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? ³¹ So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. ³⁴ So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." Matthew 6:19-34 NLT

AN ABUNDANT LIFE IS A FRUITFUL LIFE.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **Galatians 5:22-23 NLT**

AN ABUNDANT LIFE IS A LIFE OF <u>CONTENTMENT</u>.

¹⁰ How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. ¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:10-13 NLT**

- Happiness and contentment aren't the same.
- Happiness is based on <u>circumstances</u> and contentment is based on <u>trust</u>.
- No matter what we are going through or facing, we can choose to be content.
- We can choose to trust God.

Next steps for me today...

- To put my faith in Jesus and surrender my life to him.
- To follow Jesus' teaching and be a true disciple.
- To choose abundant life.