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THE
GOOD
LIFE



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Preface

MANY YEARS AGO I learned that I am what I take into myself. My input determines my output. The kind of seed I plant determines the kind of harvest that I reap.

Humankind is designed to think, plan, talk and act with God. No state of being is as rewarding as living in harmony with God.

Get His ideas. See life as He sees it. Discover who you are and your own real value. See yourself as God sees you. Get God's opinion of yourself – and of others.

In this book you will learn what God made you for, how He treasures your company, and the happy, healthy and prosperous lifestyle that He wills for you. You will discover the true fountain of good living.

When I was only twelve I began discovering my objectives and my motives. I wanted what God wanted. I wanted it for the reason God wanted it. Those principles anchored me. They guided me. They were the foundation stones of our home.

God wants you to have this goodness from Him. God is reaching out to you – right now through this book. THE GOOD LIFE is clearly set before you. Accept it and start expecting miracles.

Foundation for Believing

Paradise of Abundance

THE VAST WEALTH of this planet is the creation of God who is good ^{Psa.145:8-9; 100:5; 119:68} and who has created an abundance of good things for you.

Adam and Eve were created and placed in the Garden of Eden—a paradise of abundance. Then, in the Garden of Eden, ^{Gen.3:1-6} man and woman sinned and were consequently driven out of God's presence ^{Gen.3:22-24} to become the slaves of Satan. They forfeited their right to THE GOOD LIFE.

God, being righteous, could not fellowship with sin. ^{Isa.59:1-2} His law was made and it could not be compromised. *The soul that sins, it shall die.* ^{Eze.18:4,20} All had sinned so all must die. ^{Rom.5:12}

To satisfy the claims of justice, one who was perfectly innocent could take the place of the guilty and die as a substitute.

Jesus Christ, God's Son, was perfect. He had never sinned. He came to this world and took upon Himself the sins of the whole world and suffered our full penalty. ^{Jn.1:29}

God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. ^{Jn.3:16}

Once the punishment was suffered by the perfect and innocent substitute, the crime of the guilty was

paid for, and the guilty one could be justified as though no sin had been committed.^{Rom.5:1}

All that will ever be required of you to receive total justification before God, is that you simply believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ died in your stead.

Once you believe in your heart and confess it to others,^{Rom.10:9-10} an incredible miracle takes place:

God took the sinless Christ and poured into him your sins. Then, in exchange, he pours God's goodness into you.^{2Cor.5:21 LB}

Through His sacrifice, He removed forever the condemnation of your sins and dissolved the barrier between you and God, so you are now welcome to return to His presence where you can share THE GOOD LIFE.^{Heb.10:18-22}



TO REALLY LIVE THE GOOD LIFE, your faith must rest upon your absolute belief in the Bible as the inspired word of God.

In the complete book I share with you five basic reasons why I believe the Bible is true. Here is a brief synopsis of one of them:

**I BELIEVE the Bible is true
because of its content and harmony.**

Forty different herdsmen, shepherds, fishermen, politicians, princes, poets, philosophers, statesmen, prophets, priests, publicans and physicians who lived during nearly two millenniums, penned some 66 different books on the subjects of history, poetry, prophesy, letters, proverbs, parables, allegories and orations.

These diverse writers, spanning various cultures and traditions, wrote from different countries, extending through two continents. There is no discord and not a flaw of incoherency. Yet these writings contain one system of doctrine, one plan of salvation, one order of ethics, one rule of faith, and one story of love and redemption.



THERE ARE FIFTY-TWO facts, *miracle stepping stones*, which lift you to a fruitful partnership with God and to sharing His lifestyle.^{2Cor.5:17}

When you are discouraged, or tempted to doubt your experience with God, rehearse the **fifty-two facts** of THE GOOD LIFE. The apostle John said, *They overcame (Satan) by the word of their testimony;*^{Rev.12:11} and Jesus defeated every temptation of Satan by saying, *It is written,*^{Mat.4:4,7,10} then by quoting a scripture.

So, learn these facts and make them your confession: (In this excerpt copy, I list only a few. Order the printed book to learn all **52 Facts**.)

2. We were guilty before God, under the penalty of death. *For the wages of sin is death.*^{Rom.6:23}

3. But God loved us too much to see us perish. *He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*^{2Pet.3:9}

5. Christ was God's gift to us and He died for you and for me. *But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*^{Rom.5:8}

10. We receive Jesus and become God's child. *As many as received Jesus Christ, to them he gave power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name.*^{Jn.1:12}

14. We believe on the name of Jesus Christ be-

cause of the record of the gospels. *These are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, you might have life through his name.*^{Jn.20:31}

17. We know there is salvation in none other. *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given, whereby we must be saved.*
Ac.4:12

52. We know Christ is with us to the end. *For he has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.*^{Heb.13:5} *and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world.*
Mat.28:20

THE NEW LIFESTYLE

HOW WONDERFUL TO KNOW that you can be right with God. Your record can be clear. No sin that you have ever committed can ever condemn you again^{Rom.8:1} when you come to Christ and receive Him.^{Jn.6:37; 1:12} You can confess your sins to Him and trust His blood to cleanse you.^{1Jn.1:9} Now *it is finished*, as Christ said when He died on the cross.^{Jn.19:30} Never let Satan cause you to doubt your salvation.



To help you live a happy, successful Christian life, you must be willing for changes in your lifestyle.
Eph.4:22-32; 5:1-2; Cor.3:12-17 Here are two habits to form:

FIRST: Talk to God every day

Prayer is that intimate time with your Father who is always waiting for those precious moments of communion with you.^{1Pet.3:12}

I love the Lord because he hears my prayers and answers them. Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe.^{Psa.116:1-2} LB

Learn to talk to God as your best personal friend.

SECOND: Let God talk to you every day

Reading the Bible is hearing God talk. The word of God is food for your soul.

Prayer and reading of the Bible should always go together. One is not complete without the other. There is no real communion or communication unless you both take part in the conversation.

Jesus said, You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.^{Mat.4:4}

For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass.^{Eze.12:25}

Accept what God says. God says what He means.



Order the complete book today, which includes detailed secrets learned over a lifetime of studying, preaching, teaching and observing God's miraculous power affecting multitudes of precious people, with millions of lives being changed.

SECRETS OF SUCCESS

THERE IS NO greater secret to THE GOOD LIFE than to learn to pray and to get an answer. God wants you, as His child to come to Him with absolute confidence.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.^{Mat.7:7}

God invites you to pray – to ask in faith. One of the most marvelous communions any person can enjoy with the Lord is *to ask and to receive.*^{Mat.7:8}

To get your prayers answered, depend entirely on the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. Whatever you pray for, understand that Christ died to

provide it at the cross. Make Christ's death your only argument—the only basis for claiming any blessing. This is a legal basis for your claim.

When He paid such an enormous price to provide the blessings and gifts you need, no other point is worthy of mentioning before Him.

Prayer is expounded further in the bound book of THE GOOD LIFE. Order your personal copy today. Learn of God's invitation to prayer and His promise to answer. He made many marvelous promises—and they are for you—personally.

Practice the Presence of Jesus

SINCE YOU HAVE received Christ, begin to practice being conscious of His presence with you and in you.

Listed in this excerpted copy is one distinct way to recognize His presence. You will learn three more as you read the complete book.

1. THINK NOTHING that you would not think if you could actually sense the thinking process of Christ at work within your mind.

Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God. Rom.12:2

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.
Phil.2:5

Whatever things are true, whatever is honest, whatever is just, whatever is of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things,
Phil.4:8 because we have the mind of Christ. 1Cor.2:16

Talk Yourself to the Top

We are constantly to believe and confess.

1) What we believe: *For with the heart you believe to righteousness,*

2) What we say about it: *With the mouth, confession is made to salvation.* Rom.10:10

I list twenty-one confessions in the complete book, here are only five of them:

- That we are redeemed. Rev.5:9; 1Pet.1:18
- That we have a new nature. 2Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15; Eph.4:22-24; Cor.3:9-10
- That Christ lives in us. 2Cor.6:16; Jn.14:23; Gal.2:20; Jn.17:23; Cor.1:27
- That He is our strength, our provider, our healer, our keeper. Phil.4:13; Psa.31:19; Ex.15:26; 2Tim.1:12; 2Th.3:3; Jude 24
- That we are more than conquerors. Rom.8:37

Thousands of Christians negate THE GOOD LIFE by retaining their old confessions. Your words control and dominate you, because they express your thoughts which are the seeds of your life.

Solomon said, *You are snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken (captive) with the words of your mouth.* Prov.6:2

First we fill our hearts with the word of God. Then we confess that word until it becomes a part of our nature. David realized this when he prayed:

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Psa.141:3

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psa.19:14

Numerous confession facts and scriptures are listed in the full book for you to read, memorize and confess daily. They are facts which are eternal. When you get the book confess and boldly stand on them.

Hold fast the confession of your faith without wavering, (for he is faithful that promised.)^{Heb.10:23 RV}

God is supporting your position. Confess your freedom. Your full pardon has been granted. What God says is yours. Believe it! Confess it! Act on it!



REMEMBER THIS FACT:

You will not – you cannot – rise above your own words. Your life will always go to the level of your words. You, will never live above the standard of your conversation. This principle is unalterable.

If God has said it in His word, then you can confess it, knowing that God will make it good.

God says: For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass. The word which I have spoken shall be done, says the Lord God.^{Eze.12:25,28}

Jesus said, The scripture cannot be broken.^{Jn.10:35}

God said, My word that goes forth out of my mouth shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish the thing whereto I sent it.^{Isa.55:11}

There has not failed one word of all his good promise which he promised.^{1Kg.8:56}

He watches over his words to perform them.^{Jer.1:12}

No word from God is void of power.^{Lu.1:37 RV}

His covenant will he not break nor alter what has gone out of his lips,^{Psa.89:34}

Jesus said, Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall never pass away.^{Mk.13:31}

Healing for Everyone Today

DIVINE HEALING WAS administered first by Jehovah-God, then by His Son, Jesus Christ, next by His disciples, later by the early church, and last

by all believers in all the world. Therefore, the age of miracles has not passed and physical healing is as much a part of Christ's ministry today as it ever was.

In the bound book, THE GOOD LIFE there are many facts and scriptures enumerated as proof that healing miracles are for today. Read and enjoy the full benefits of God's provision through Jesus Christ.

PROSPERITY FOR GOD'S GLORY

The Key to Abundance

ONE OF THE MOST important aspects of THE GOOD LIFE is the principle of sowing and reaping.

The apostle Paul said: *Whatever you sow, that shall you also reap.*^{Gal.6:7}

In the beginning of time, God laid down a law that was never to be changed:

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not end.^{Gen.8:22}

Two principles are infallible:

1. We always reap the same kind of seed we plant.
2. We always reap more than we plant.

Plant love, plant mercy, plant kindness, plant strength, plant faith, plant money, plant whatever good thing God has given to you, and you will reap an abundant return of the same blessing.

Promises of Prosperity

THE ENTIRE BIBLE is God's revealed plan of complete and full salvation for the whole person, spiritually, physically and materially.

God generously and mercifully granted us THE

GOOD LIFE of abundant living through Jesus Christ, as long as we accept Christ as Lord of our lives. This gives us the right perspective in all of the spiritual, physical and material blessings we receive from God.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. ^{Psa.68:19}

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper, and be in health even as your soul prospers. ^{3Jn.2}

The whole Christian value of financial prosperity rests on one's attitude toward money, and one's objective in its use.

There are innumerable scriptures that tell us that God wants His children to prosper and to be blessed materially so long as our motive is right. Many of these scriptures are listed in the full book for your immediate reading. Order your copy for a complete and thorough study. Learn and live THE GOOD LIFE with God.

God will be Your Partner

ONE OF THE GREATEST discoveries in THE GOOD LIFE with Christ is to learn how to sow money for God's glory and how to become a business partner with Him in order to share in carrying out His No. 1 Job—giving the gospel to those who have not yet received it.

His last instructions were: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ^{Mk.16:15}

God loved the whole world.

Jesus died for the whole world.

Our greatest opportunity is tell the Good News to the whole world.

Satan will oppose every morsel of Bible truth about this subject because this is the greatest threat to his kingdom. As long as Christians remain in poverty and glorify God for their humble estate, believing it is for their good, to keep them submissive and holy, the gospel will never be preached to every creature. And until this is done, Christ cannot return.^{Mat.24:14} Then Satan can continue his rule as the prince of this world.^{Jn.12:31; Jn.14:30; Eph.6:12}

Expect a Good Harvest

Jesus said, *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*^{Ac.20:35} His point was that *it is more productive to give than to receive*, because only what you give is multiplied back to you again.

- Keep your expectations only on the Lord. He alone is your supply – your only source. *God shall supply all of your need.*^{Phil.4:19} *God gives the increase.*^{1Cor.3:6}

- When you plant the seed-money of your *first-fruits* in the Lord's work, remember to plant for a harvest. Plant with an abundant return in mind.

This takes vision and demands faith. This calls for action and believing. Without faith it is impossible to please him, *for they that come to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*^{Heb.11:6}



Order your personal copy of my book, in it I have outlined eighteen basic Christian fundamentals which will help you to grow with God in THE GOOD LIFE. They are by no means comprehensive, but they will help to acquaint you with your Bible.

To realize the benefits of the good life with Christ, our faith in Him must rest entirely on the word of God. That is why you will want to read the Bible daily and let it be the standard for your life.



Benediction

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.
Heb.13:20-21

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