

# Living The Good Life

**1 Peter 3:8-10**

[1 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 John 5:12]

# **I. Looking For Life In All The Wrong Places**

## Some look for life in . . .

1. **Money.** Comes at a price.
2. **Fame.** 1 K.4:31
3. **Intelligence.** 1 Co.1:23
4. **Talent.** Jg.20:16
5. **Power and Influence.** Samson
6. **Selfishness.** Eli's sons. Haman. Mt.16

I. Looking For Life In All The Wrong Places

**II. Look For The Good Life  
In The Good Book**

# 1. Learn to Love

**Ultimately: God, 1 Jn.4:19**

a. Brothers. 1 Jn.4:20-21.

**Jn.14:15 . . . 13:34-35**

b. Family, Ep.5:25.

c. Neighbors, Mt.22:37-39.

d. Enemies, Mt.5:43-48.

e. Word, Ps.119:97.

1. Learn to Love

**2. Learn to work**

**Genesis 2:15 (3:17-19)**

**“Nothing to do...”**

1. Learn to Love
2. Learn to work

### **3. Learn to examine yourself**

**<sup>5</sup>Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified – 2 Co.13**

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### **3. Learn to examine yourself**

**<sup>14</sup> for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup> who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) –Ro.2**



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### 3. Learn to examine yourself

- ▶ **Conscience: mind acts as judge**
- ▶ **Examines conduct**
- ▶ **Consults law (Word)**
- ▶ **Pronounces verdict**

**Protects  
Against . . .**

**Pride,  
Lk.18:9**

**Disdain  
Mt.21:23...**

**Bitterness,  
Criticism**

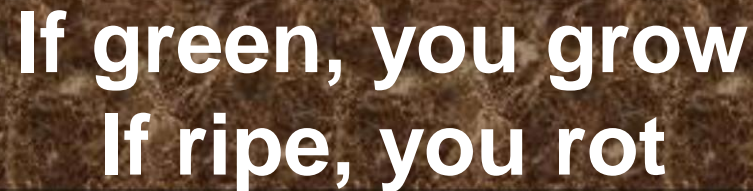
**Compromise,  
Shame**

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## 4. Learn to accept yourself

**Never be satisfied with spiritual growth**

**– Ph.3:13-14**



**If green, you grow  
If ripe, you rot**

- a. Few are good at everything.**
- b. Most can improve in anything.**
- c. Everyone can do something.**
- d. Don't be caught doing nothing.**

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## **5. Cultivate an interest in others**

**Lk.6:31**

- **Not 'live and let live'**
- **Not mind their business / meddling**
- **Not try to get something from them**

**Sincere, selfless love**

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## **5. Cultivate an interest in others**

Lk.6:31

**Lk.22:24-27**

- **Ambitious contention, 24**
- **Acting like worldly tyrants, 25**
- **Ignoring example of Jesus, 26-27**
  - **Jn.13:4-14**

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## 5. Cultivate an interest in others

Lk.6:31

Lk.22:24-27

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself – Ph.2:3

- **Not every man for himself**
- **Not competing with each other**

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4. Learn to accept yourself
5. Cultivate an interest in others
- 6. Live one day at a time**

**“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.  
Sufficient for the day is its own trouble  
– Mt.6:34**



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