

# Living Life Abundantly

## John 10:10

In Florence, Italy, a young artist labored long and hard over a marble statue of an angel. When finished, he asked Michelangelo to examine it. No master had looked over the work more carefully than Michelangelo. It appeared perfect in every way. The young artist waited, his heart nearly broke when he heard, "it lacks only one thing," but the great artist didn't tell him what it lacked. For days the artist could not eat or sleep, until a friend called on Michelangelo at his studio and asked him what he thought. He said, "It lacks only life." This could be true for a great many people. They live from day to day, but they lack life.

### **I) Design for Abundant Living**

(Have Life, and have it more abundantly)

Gen 2:8-9

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.  
9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is **pleasant to the sight**, and **good for food**; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Josh 1:8

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

### **II) Difficulty in Abundant Living**

(The thief Cometh to steal kill and destroy)

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

### **III) Details of Abundant Living**

#### **A. Substance we Find**

##### **1. Joy**

John 15:11

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, **and that your joy might be full.**

1 Peter 1:8

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, **ye rejoice with joy unspeakable** and full of glory:

##### **2. Peace**

Phil 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

##### **3. Fruitfulness (Abundantly Productive)**

John 15:5

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, **the same bringeth forth much fruit:**

## **B. Steps we Follow**

### **1. New Birth**

#### **John 3:3**

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

### **2. New Belief**

#### **Prov 23:7**

7 **For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:**

#### **Rom 12:2**

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

### **3. New Behavior**

#### **2 Cor 5:17**

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: **old things are passed away;** behold, **all things are become new.**

## **Life Group Questions**

1. If you were to describe an abundant life what would you include in the description? (in other words what would be in it)
2. On a scale from 1-10 where are you currently in the three areas that were mentioned in the message? (Joy, Peace, Fruitfulness) Where would you like to be?
3. Some people settle for mediocre and even bad, when God really wants the best for them, why do you think this is?
4. Why is having a good life or marriage the greatest danger to having a great life or marriage?
5. What areas of your life would you like to see the most improvement in?
6. Are you willing to be committed to making the changes necessary in your life to move from Good to Great?