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*Your Best Life*

The Nitty-Gritty – Part 7

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The Characteristics of the Best Life:

1. Its Law is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John 15:9-10,12 *"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love… 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”*

1. Its Emotion is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John 15:11 *"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”*

1. Its Relationship is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John 15:13-16 *"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”*

 Your multifaceted relationship with God:

1. Master –
2. Teacher –
3. Father / Parent –
4. King –
5. Intercessor –
6. Savior –
7. Groom –
8. Good Shepherd –
9. Its Way is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Eph. 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Gal 3:2-3 *This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?*

1. Its Progress is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Phil. 2:12-13 *So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Are you living abundantly? Would you like to?
2. Where have you experienced the law of love? What would your life look like if you lived by the law of love? What would change?
3. When have you experienced transcendent joy? How could you build your life on that joy?
4. Do you know what a loving friendship feels like? Do you have that with Christ?
5. How are you seeking your best life?
6. What is one step you can take to go from your sometimes depressed, often anxious, typically up & down life, to God’s best life?

How can you pursue abundant life?

1. Pursue grace. Spend time daily, weekly using the means of grace.
2. Personal Bible reading and prayer.
3. Sabbath time.
4. Regular worship time.
5. Service and sharing.
6. Fasting.
7. Pursue God. Seek the Holy Spirit daily.
8. Pursue God’s life. You seek to live a life that honors God. Love, grace, forgiving and forgiven, honoring others,