

THE “REAL” GOOD LIFE

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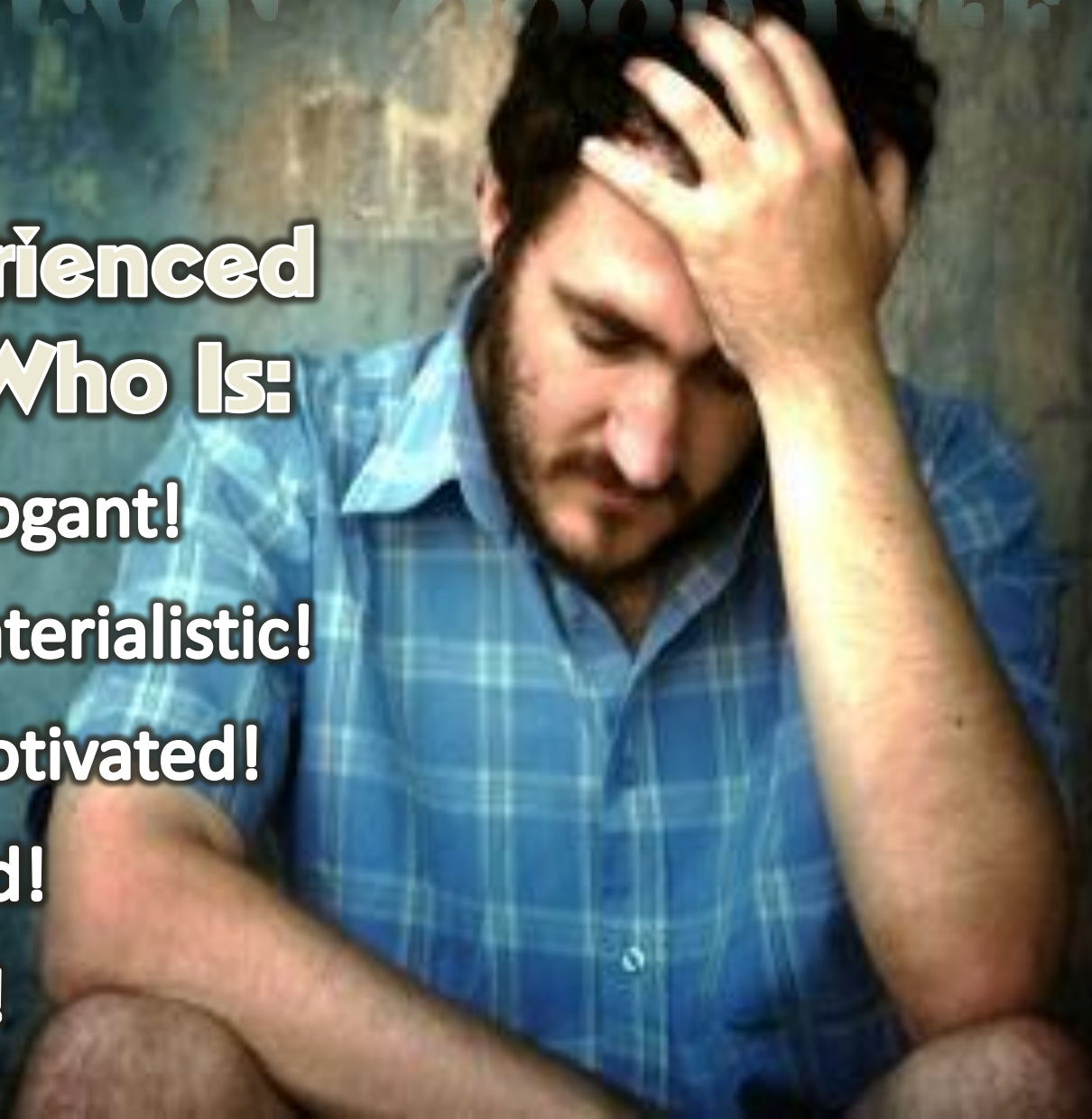
- ◆ Drugs & Alcohol!
- ◆ Material possessions!
- ◆ Amount of recreation!
- ◆ Physical relationships!
- ◆ False Religion



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**Not Experienced
By One Who Is:**

- ◆ Proud & arrogant!
- ◆ Selfish & materialistic!
- ◆ Lazy & unmotivated!
- ◆ Without God!
- ◆ A Hypocrite!



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1 Peter 3:8-17 (NKJV)

⁸ Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous;
⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

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¹⁰ For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

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¹³ And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed.

"And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts,

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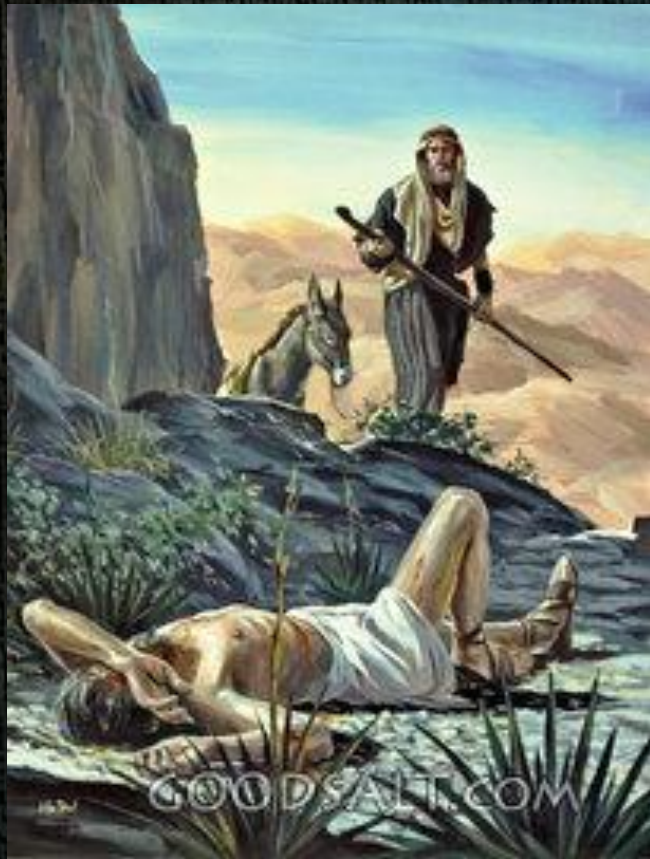
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and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

¹⁷ For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

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Treat Others Right – 1 Pet 3:8-12



- ◆ “Be Of One Mind” – vs 8 -
(NASV, “Harmonious”) – Acts 4:32; Rom 12:16; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph 4:1-6; Phili 1:27; 2:1-5; 3:16
- ◆ “Having Compassion For One Another” – vs 8 (NASV, “sympathetic”) – Mat 18:33; Luke 10:33; Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 12:26; Jam 2:13

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- ◆ “Love As Brothers” – vs 8 –
1:22; 2:17; Rom 12:10; 1 Thes 4:9; 2 Pet. 1:7; 1 John 3:14-19
- ◆ “Be Tenderhearted” – vs 8
(NASV, “kindhearted”) –
Attitude of concern for others –
easily touched by their need –
The opposite would be “cold-
hearted” – Ep 4:32; Col 3:12-14

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Tender hearted - “Having a heart disposed to pity and compassion, and especially disposed to show kindness to the faults of erring brethren, for so the connexion demands.” — Barnes' Notes on the New Testament

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◆ “Be Courteous” – vs 8 –

- ❖ AV - φιλόφρων, *philophrōn* - Literally, to be “friendly of mind, kind” – Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 1 Thes. 5:26;
- ❖ NASV, ταπεινόφρων - *tapeinophrōn* - “Humble In Spirit” - Phili. 2:3-5; Col 3:12

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1 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

- ◆ **When done wrong – do right – there is NEVER an excuse to return wrong for wrong! - vs 9 – Mat 5:39; 5:44; Rom 12:17; 1 Thes 5:15**
- ◆ **When spoken against – do not respond in kind – vs. 9 - speak only what is good and kind – 1 Pet 2:20-23; Mat 5:44; Lk 6:28; 23:34**

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1 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

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✦ “Let him turn away from evil
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- ✦ To “suffer for righteousness' sake,” is to be blessed - (vs 14) – Mt 5:10-12; Rom 5:3-5; Jam 1:1-5
- ✦ “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts” - (vs. 15) – (NU – “sanctify Christ as Lord” – Set the Lord apart in your heart as your ONLY ruler and protector) – Mat. 10:28; Rom 8:31

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Daniel 3:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

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- ✦ **“Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you” - (vs 15) – Acts 4:13-20; 5:29-32; 8:4; Rom 1:16; Rev 2:10**
- ✦ **“With meekness and fear” - (vs. 15) – with gentleness of manner and respect for men and reverence towards God – Mat 10:28**

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✦ “Having a good conscience” – knowing you have stood for the truth in the face of suffering - (vs 16)

- ✦ Having obeyed the truth - 3:21; cf. 1:22,23;
- ✦ Having the desire & intent to always obey God - 2:19
- ✦ Always doing what we believed to be right - Acts 24:16

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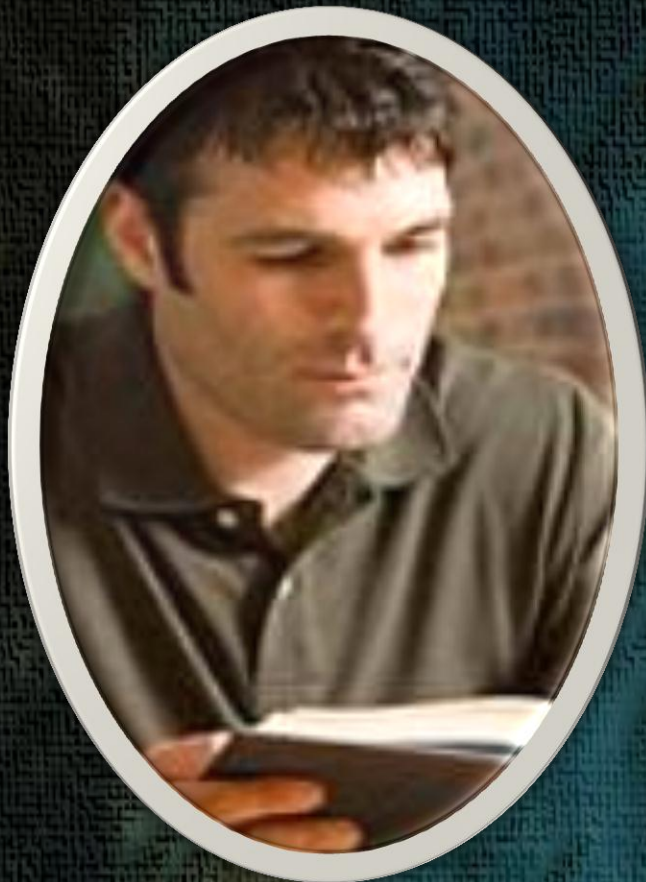
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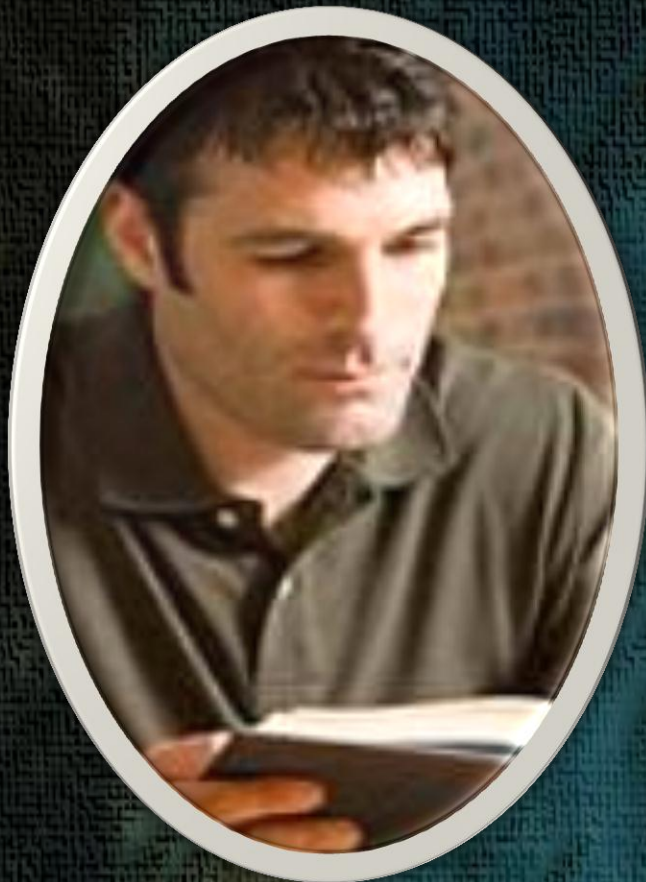
If You Want The "REAL" Good Life:



- ◆ **Treat others right – (the mind of Christ, compassionate, kindness, tenderhearted, humility)**
- ◆ **Suffer for righteousness sake**
- ◆ **Sanctify the Lord in our hearts**
- ◆ **Courageously stand up for the truth**
- ◆ **Keep our conscience clean**

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Will Be Experienced
By All Who
Faithfully Follow
God’s Word
One Day Our Hope
Will Be Reality!
(1 Pet. 1:3-9)



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Ephesians 4:20-32 (NKJV)

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ,
²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and
have been taught by Him, as the
truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off,
concerning your former conduct, the
old man which grows corrupt
according to the deceitful lusts,

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²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, *"Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,"* for we are members of one another.

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²⁶ *"Be angry, and do not sin":* do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

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²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:20-32 (NKJV)

³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³²

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.