

Life is Good

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Good friend, don't forget all I've taught you; take to heart my commands. They'll help you live a long, long time, a long life lived full and well. (Proverbs 3:1-2, MSG)

HATING LIFE

Life is useless, all useless. You spend your life working...and what do you have to show for it? The world stays just the same. The sun rises, and it still goes down...The wind blows round and round and back again. Every river flows into the sea, but [then] the water returns to where the rivers began, and starts all over again. Everything leads to weariness.. Our eyes can never see enough to be satisfied; our ears can never hear enough. What has happened before will happen again. What is wrong cannot be made right. What is missing cannot be recovered. (Ecclesiastes 1:2-15, TEV/NLT)

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind." (Ecclesiastes 2:17)

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LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTIONS

1. Why am I _____?
2. Does my life _____?
3. What is my _____?

"Why did you create us? For nothing?" (Psalm 89:47, NCV)

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. "For in him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:26-28)

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. (Colossians 1:16, MSG)

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Leave your impoverished confusion and live! Walk up the street to a life with meaning. (Proverbs 9:6, MSG)

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Live life in view of _____

1. Invest in getting close with _____

...the good life is reserved for the person who fears God, who lives reverently in his presence. (Ecclesiastes 8:12, The Message)

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:16)

Your unfailing love is better than life itself... (Psalm 63:3, NLT)

Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart. Earn a reputation for living well in God's eyes and the eyes of the people. (Proverbs 3:1-4, MSG)

2. Invest in getting close with _____

It's better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work, share the wealth. And if one falls down, the other helps, but if there's no one to help, tough!...By yourself you're unprotected. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, MSG)

The only thing that really matters in life are your
_____ and _____

"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life..." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

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- ✓ Useless.
- ✓ Tiresome.
- ✓ Frustrated.
- ✓ Cynical.

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