

7 Steps to a Full & Happy Life

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

PURPOSE: To teach some simple steps to God's abundance.

KEY WORD: Steps

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus makes it very clear his personal purpose and the purpose or plan of the thief / Satan. Satan has a very direct and distinct plan...

He wants to steal, to kill, and to destroy!

Jesus wants to give us abundant life!

So how do we begin to live the abundant life and truly experience what we might call happiness? Let's look at some verses that will show us how to step into the realm of God's abundance: (Ps. 37)

I. ADJUST YOUR FOCUS FROM THE EVIL OF THIS WORLD TO THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD! (V.1 & 2)

Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

- We must stop worrying about everybody else!

The word for **fret** comes from the Hebrew word, **Charah**. It means to glow, to get hot / warm, to be angry!

David says don't get so hot about those who are doing evil. Don't get jealous because they have so much! Their payday is coming!

II. AIM YOUR FAITH TOWARD GOD AND PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION! (V.3)

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

We are challenged to trust, have confidence, to have faith in the Lord!
We are then told to do good or do good things!
This will result in dwelling in the land and being fed!

III. YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SHAPED AND MOLDED BY GOD'S HANDS! (V.4)

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

The word delight means to be soft or pliable. David is telling us to allow ourselves to be soft in the hands of the Lord! We cannot allow ourselves to become hardened. A hard heart leads to a wounded spirit!

IV. COMMIT YOUR WAY TO GOD! (V.5 & 6)

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

When we commit our way it means we give or entrust our lives to God! The word way comes from the Hebrew word, Deh rek. It means our road, our course of action, our journey, or our pathway! God wants us to surrender our pathway to God and all Him to bring it to pass!

V. LEARN HOW TO REST AND RELAX IN GOD! (V.7A)

Rest in the LORD,

We are to rest in the Lord. That literally means to be dumb. To not speak! We must begin to hold our tongue and let God do it!

VI. WAIT PATIENTLY FOR GOD! (V.7B-9)

...and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

God wants us to dance and praise the Lord in those times of waiting!

VII. KEEP A MEEK AND HUMBLE SPIRIT! (V.10 & 11)

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

*11 **But the meek shall inherit the earth;** and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*

David writes about an abundance of Peace...shalom, to be safe, to do well, to be happy, to have health, prosperity.

CONCLUSION:

(V.16)

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.