

The Full Life

Text: Luke 10:19 & 20

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Topic: 3 Keys to a Full & Productive Life!

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus talks about power and authority over evil powers but He explains that this power is not our source of joy! Our joy source is our relationship with Him! Our life is to be based upon the knowledge that our names are written in Heaven!

- John 10:10 (Amplified Bible)

*The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (**to the full**, till it overflows).*

But how do begin to live a full and productive life in the spiritual sense? There are 3 keys to a full and productive life! They are 3 words that lead us into the life God has destined us to live!

I. SUBMIT! (JAMES 4:7 & 8A)

- We must be willing to submit totally to the Lord!

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

- A fully submitted life centers around 2 distinct acts:

A. THE PRACTICE OF SUBMITTING TO GOD!

1. We are called to submit ourselves to God!
2. This requires us to give in and surrender everything we are and ever will be to the Lord!
3. Submitting to God is all about control! When we submit to God, we say to God; God you are in control!

B. THE RESISTING OF THE DEVIL!

1. To resist the devil means that we say “no” to Satan!
2. We must decide to walk away from his ways and leadings!
3. James tells us that our resistance will repel the devil to the point that he actually flees from us!

II. SHINE! (1 PETER 2:9)

- We must accept the challenge to shine or reflect the glory of God upon this earth!

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

- We shine by simply being who we were called to be! Who are we?

A. WE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION!

B. WE ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD!

C. WE ARE A HOLY NATION!

D. WE ARE A PECULIAR PEOPLE!

III. STAND! (1 PETER 5:6-10)

- The Full Life flows from those who will take a righteous stand!

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

- How can we stand strong for God?
 - A. WE MUST BE WILLING TO HUMBLE OURSELVES! (V.6)
 1. We humble ourselves under his mighty hand!
 2. That means that we allow him to call the shots!
 3. He then exalts us in His good time!
 - B. WE MUST BE WILLING TO TURN LOOSE OF SOME THINGS! (V.7)
 1. We cast or release all of our cares!
 2. This allows Him to care for us!
 3. As long as we hang on to the burdens and insist on being in control, the needs control us! But as soon as we turn loose, they lose their power!
 - C. WE MUST BE AWARE OF THE DEVILS ATTACKS! (V.8)
 1. The lion loves to roar! (That releases fear in our lives!)
 2. He walks about! (He is searching for victims!)
 3. He seeks to devour! (That is his nature!)
- What can we do? Resist him in the faith! (V.9)

CONCLUSION:

- V.10 from the Amplified Bible...

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you.