

Full – Life the Way God Intends It

You were no accident. You were created on purpose.

- Psalm 139:14-16 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained *for me*, when as yet there was not one of them.
- Genesis 1:26, God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
- Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.
- One way we can understand God’s purpose for us is to consider Christ’s mission in the world.
- Why did Jesus come?
- John 10:7-10 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

1. Abundant life is _____.

John 10:7, 9 “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep...I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved...”

- Saved from what or saved for what?
- Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.
- Who is the thief? The Bible mentions 3 enemies: the world, the flesh, and the devil.
- Jesus said more about _____ than anyone else in the Bible.

2. Abundant life is a _____ life.

John 10:9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

- A picture of _____
 - “Go in and out and find pasture.”

- Psalm 23:1-2 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures...

- **A picture of _____**

Psalm 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

- Philippians 4:11-12 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

- **A picture of _____**

Psalm 23:3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

3. **Abundant life is a _____ life.**

John 10:11-12 I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*.

- John 10:3-4 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

4. **Abundant life is a _____ life.**

John 10:9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

- Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Further Thought:

- The number one thing the thief wants to steal from you is life found in Jesus. Have you secured that life by trusting Jesus as your Savior?
- Would you say you are enjoying an abundant life? Why or why not?
- What is your greatest barrier to experiencing the kind of life Jesus came to make possible for you?
- What “good work” do you suppose God prepared in advance for you to do?