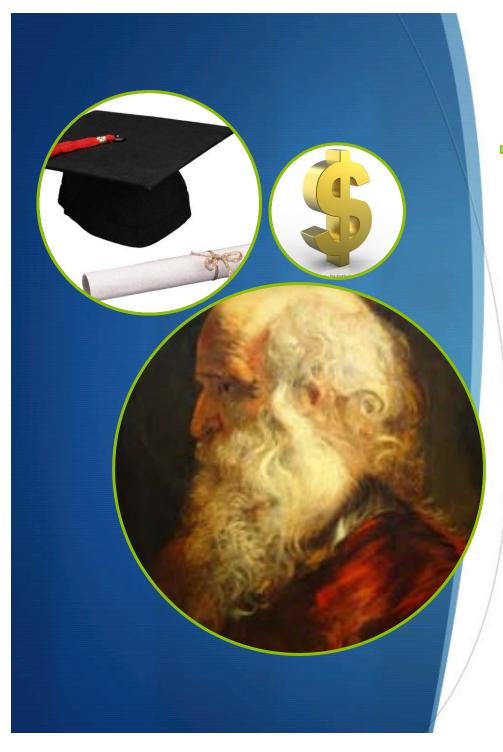


The Abundant Life



The Art Of Living

Jesus promised an abundant life for His followers, but not in the way we typically think of "abundance" – It is not in years, worldly knowledge, accomplishment, or even wealth (Luke 12:15).

The Center Of My Life

- ◆ One of the reasons why so many have failed to have an eternally rewarding life is because they have not made God the center of it.
- ◆ Since we all fall short of the glory of God because of sins, we need to have a "center" that we can return to for reconciliation (1 John 1:8-9) David know this well (Psalm 51:1-10).



Optimism

Part of the richness of a life sustained by God is the optimism that it breeds.

Even after we commit terrible sins, there is still the renewal that comes from God (Psalm 51:7-9).

Optimism

- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).
- "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)
- "I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me" (Psalm 23:4).
- "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me" (John 14:1).

The Riches Of Forgiveness

- ♦ We must also apply these lessons to forgiveness given (Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:15).
- ◆ Forgetfulness is an important part of forgiving others as we have been forgiven (Hebrews 10:17).
- ◆ This might not be the natural response, but it is the required one if we are to live in the light of our own forgiveness (Jeremiah 31:34).



Paralyzed By Fear

Often, we are paralyzed by all of the things that could go wrong. Potential hazards, however, can become excuses for laziness (Proverbs 26:13).

It is a dangerous world (Psalm 27), but we must live with the boldness of those who have been saved and sealed by God.