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Christ's Abundant Life

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Westside - Cleburn

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10:30 A.M.

Tom Sauleys
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Christ's abundant Life. ⁽¹⁾

John 10:1-11.

When man has tried all human - creeds, experienced all fleshly - lusts and studied + failed in all human disciplines and schemes at Utopia, he can clearly see that Jesus is the answer to human hope, joy + happiness.

The reward for following Jesus is the abundant Life here and Eternal life hereafter!

I What is the abundant Life?

A. Fully available ONLY to the "joyful" Christian. no real abundant living without the joy of the Chr. Life with its HOPE, SECURITY, and PEACE OF MIND. HAVE: SAL. GOALS. HOPE.

⊕ Matt. 16:24-27. Here Jesus says there are three phases of the abundant Life:

1. Deny self: Put self in 3rd place. Matt. 22:39. Rom. 12:10.

2. Take up YOUR cross: "Pain" of serving God regardless of others or the cost of doing so. (2!)

3. Follow me: It's Jesus' way or no way. II Tim ^{Live godly...} 3:12. Acts 4:12. John 14:6. Restrictive, Exclusive + Limiting.

Ill.
B. Tom Bodgett's book, "as far as you can go without a passport" says man needs 3 things to be truly happy in this life:

1. Someone to love. Deny self. ^{Love God. others.}
 2. Something to do. Take up your cross.
 3. Something to hope for. ^{Follow me.}
- Bails down to Faith - Hope + Love.

Ill.
C. Most American Psychologists agree that the happy-balanced life consists of four elements.

- (1) Work - Something to do. ^{responsibility.} Usefulness.
- (2) Play - Relief, relaxation, moderation. ^{balance.}
- (3) Love - Someone to love + be loved by. ^{WORTH.}
- (4) Worship - Hope - devotion - loyalty and eternal expectation. ^{appreciation.}

Close: Lets ^{or plug in} connect our App. "transformer" + convert all this into simple, everyday understanding.

II

The Abundant Life Consists of:

1. Being ALIVE as long as we LIVE!

I Cor. 15:58. ^{stay} as high + strong as health + strength allows.

2. Choosing to WEAR out rather than RUST out. where is cut-off point in I Cor. 15:58???

3. Telling the WAY and ^{then} living the WAY. Either is invalid without the other.

A good-example minus the truth is humanistic. An effective-message without its illustration is a sham + a shame.

Ill. The Truth with consistent Christian ^{love} + Compassion is powerful and beautiful.

Inv. to Miranda Chau - ex-Chinese atheist. Chinese!

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