**LEARN TO LIVE A LOVELY LIFE**

**Ecclesiastes 2:24**

**Ecclesiastes 2:24 24 *There is* nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*Life is too short not to Learn to Live a Lovely Life**

**John 4:14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**

**Illustation: What happened to time?**

**When as a child I laughed and wept, and time crept.**

**When as a youth I dreamed and talked, and time walked.**

**When I became a full grown man, then time ran.**

**And later as I older grew, time just flew.**

**Now soon I shall find while traveling on that time is gone.**

**Quote: Benjamin Franklin said, “Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for it is the stuff life is made of.”**

**\*\*My point is that you better learn to live a lovely life while you can because life could change any moment and change everything!**

**\*\*In the last few days, there was a mother and wife who tragically lost her life in a car accident. Her children and husband will never have any more time with her. Learn to live a lovely life now while you can!**

**\*\*I also heard of a young mother and wife who has been diagnosed with a death sentence disease. Now she is frantically trying to make the most of her time with her family. Learn to live a lovely life now while you can!**

**\*\*So what does it take to live a lovely life?**

**I. A LOVELY LIFE HAS AN HONEST LOVE**

**I Corinthians 13:1-3 [1](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-13-1/%22%20%5Co%20%221%20Corinthians%2013%3A1%20KJV%20verse%20detail) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.** [**2**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-13-2/) **And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.** [**3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-13-3/) **And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.**

**\*\*The scripture says here that you can have the ability to speak the languages of other men or the ability to speak like an angel. You could have the gift to prophecy and preach, have great faith, feed the hungry, and even make great sacrifices. However, if you do all that and do not truly possess love in your heart, then you have nothing!**

 **A. A lovely life has an honest love for Family**

 **1. Honest love for family is shown through Affection.**

 **a. Show Affection**

 **b. Speak Affection**

 **2. Honest love for family is shown through Actions.**

 **a. Providing is an act of love.**

 **b. Parenting is an act of love.**

 **c. Passion is an act of love.**

 **d. Paddling is an act of love.**

 **e. Pampering is an act of love.**

 **B. A lovely life has an honest love for Friends**

**Proverbs 27:10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not;**

**Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times,**

**\*\*Real friends will be with you in Successes, Sorrows, Scripture, and Supplications!**

 **C. A lovely life has an honest love for Fellowship**

 **1. We need to love Church Fellowship.**

 **2. We need to love Christian Fellowship.**

 **3. We need to love Christ’s Fellowship.**

**\*\*I’m trying to tell you how to have a lovely life, and life is just too short not to have an honest love for family, friends, and fellowship!**

**II. A LOVELY LIFE HAS A HILLARIOUS LAUGH**

[**Proverbs 17:22**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-17-22/)**- A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.**

**\*\*People who do not like to laugh are sick and unhealthy because they never take the medicine called laughter!**

 **A. Laughter is good for the Heart**

 **1. Raises your Spirits**

 **2. Relieves your Soul**

 **a. Relief from the pressures**

 **b. Relief from the problems**

 **B. Laughter is good for the Home**

**\*\*Families that laugh together disarms the Tempers, the Tensions, the Theatrics, and the Turmoil that can happen in the home.**

 **C. Laughter is good for the Hearers**

 **1. It’s good for the friends to hear you laugh.**

**\*\*Sarah couldn’t believe that God would give her and Abraham a child in their old age and laughed about it.**

**\*\*When Isaac was born, Genesis 21:6 says, And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.**

**\*\*Life does not have to be filled with gloom, grumbling, and gripes because God can send you something to smile and laugh about!**

 **2. It’s good for the faithless to hear you laugh.**[**Psalms 126:2**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-126-2/)**- Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.**

**\*\*When the faithless sees the joy of Jesus in you and you’re happy and laughing, it can help them believe that God has done great things for you!**

**\*\*I’m trying to tell you how to have a lovely life, and life is just too short not to have a good clean hilarious laugh!**

**III. A LOVELY LIFE HAS A HOLY LORD**

**Psalms 73:25, 28 [25](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-73-25/%22%20%5Co%20%22Psalms%2073%3A25%20KJV%20verse%20detail) Whom have I in heaven *but thee*? and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.** [**28**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-73-28/) **But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.**

**\*\*When you have a Holy Lord in your life, you can have . .**

 **A. An Enjoyable Life**

**I Timothy 6:17 . . . be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

 **1. An enjoyable life starts in Christ**

 **2. An enjoyable life stays in Church**

 **B. An Enduring Life**

 **1. With Christ you can endure Hardness**

**II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

 **a. The Lord gives you Provisions while you endure hardness. The lost man doesn’t have that.**

 **b. The Lord gives you Peace while you endure hardness. The lost man does not have that.**

 **2. With Christ you can endure Happily**

[**James 5:11**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/James-5-11/)**- Behold, we count them happy which endure.**

 **C. An Exceptional Life**

[**Luke 1:47**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-1-47/)**- And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**\*\*Do you know who said that? . . . Mary the mother of Jesus! Did she not live an exceptional life? Doesn’t all Christians experience living exceptional lives? Why?**

 **1. Because we are living by the Holiness of God.**

 **2. Because we are led by the Hand of God.**

 **D. An Everlasting Life**

[**John 5:24**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-5-24/)**- Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

 **1. Everlasting Life without Condemnation**

 **2. Everlasting Life with Christ**

**\*\*I’m trying to tell you how to have a lovely life, and life is just too short not to have a Holy Lord to give you an enjoyable life, and enduring life, an exceptional life, and an everlasting life!**

**IV. A LOVELY LIFE HAS A HEAVENLY LINK**

[**1 John 3:22**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-3-22/)**- And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

**\*\*If you’re having trouble with the communication between you and the Lord you need to test the connection!**

 **A. Examine Your Faults**

**Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

 **1. Have you transgressed against God’s Commandments?**

 **2. Have you transgressed against God’s Counsel?**

 **3. Have you transgressed against God’s Conditions?**

 **B. Examine Your Failures**

 **1. Have you failed to Follow?**

 **2. Have you failed to Focus?**

 **3. Have you failed to Finance?**

 **4. Have you failed to Fellowship?**

 **C. Examine Your Faith**

**Matthew 17:20  And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

 **1. Is your faith Real?**

 **2. Is your faith Rooted?**

 **3. Is your faith Rich?**

**\*\*If you have lost communications with the Lord, then examine yourself and get the lines of communication working again!**

**\*\*I’m trying to tell you how to have a lovely life, and life is just too short not to have a heavenly link called prayer and a heavenly connection where you can hear the voice of the Lord speak to your soul!**

**CLOSE**

**Before you know it, life will have come and gone. Life is just too short not to live a lovely life, and you cannot truly have a lovely life without an Honest Love, a Hilarious Laugh, a Holy Lord, and a Heavenly Link. A lovely life is a gift from God, and comes from the hand of God. Some say there’s no such thing as a lovely life. Try telling that to some of these folks who have lived in Christ and in Church all these years! How is it in your life today? Do you have a great big wonderful and lovely life? If you do not or you have not, don’t waste anymore time or anymore years. You can have a lovely life in the Lord today! Will you come and receive an abundant life from the Lord today?**