Why Should I Live My Life God's Way?

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INTRODUCTION

- I fear that a lot of people had the perception that if you choose to be a Christian, you're choosing to give up on the good life.
- Brethren, the devil is out there trying to define to an unbelieving world what it is to be a Christian.
- We need to be saying to a lost world that living your life God's way is the most fulfilling, enriching, and rewarding way that one can live life here on this earth.

1 A Life That Is Genuinely Meaningful

Ecclesiastes 2:18; Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1 Corinthians 6:20

- What makes God's way better is that God offers to us a life that is genuinely meaningful, a life with a real sense of purpose.
- Most people are beginning to discover that there's just not a lot of meaning in the typical pursuits to which people give themselves.
- Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me.
- Fear God. Have an awesome respect for the one who made you. And keep his commandments. Do what he said.
- We know why we're here. Our purpose for existing. We bring glory to our Father. We use our lives so that God will be glorified.
- Strengthening a struggling brother, training children to know the Lord. Those are things that make a difference in where people spend eternity, folks, that matters.

2 True Happiness

1 John 4:8; Proverbs 3:5–6

- The only way of life that anyone is ever going to experience real happiness is living their life in connection with God.
- God does not forbid his children even one legitimate pleasure.
- He lovingly steers us away from things that harm us that only masquerade as legitimate pleasure.
- God's commands, yes, even the things, the times when he says no, are not designed to be burdensome. They are actually our keys to happiness.
- God demands that we do difficult things, but it's because in the end we'll be so glad we did.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean in your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

3 A Life With Direction

Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12; 2 Timothy 3:16–17

- I know, O Lord, that a man's way is not in himself. It is not in man who walks to direct his steps.
- There's a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.
- Jesus offers to us a life with direction so that we can know the right way to go.
- The wisdom contained within this book is divine wisdom, not man's.
- Folks, you will never go wrong by following the Bible.
- It is a complete guide, and that's one of the things Paul's trying to tell us in this context. Everything you need, it's in there.

4 A Life With Hope

1 Peter 1:3–4

- Much of our ability to be happy and content now is dependent on our ability to come to terms with our future.
- That's one of the great privileges of being Christian. That we don't have to live with those nagging worries and that uncertainty about the future.
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his great mercy, has caused us to be born again to a living hope.
- One which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.
- God's children can face death with confidence, with hope.

THE CHALLENGE

Is the question really why should I live life God's way? I think the question would be, what possible reason would anyone have for wanting to live another way.

MY NOTES