



Life Principles Notes™

The Extraordinary Life

Summary:

How would you describe your life as a Christian? Would you call it extraordinary? Perhaps you feel that your life as a believer is somehow missing something, and that there should be more joy and abundance in serving God.

If you feel that your spiritual life is not what it should be, then you are standing at a crossroads in life. God is trying to tell you that He wants you to have a much closer walk with Him. There's no reason whatsoever that you should be missing out on the extraordinary life.

The extraordinary life is a gift to you from God, and it begins with forgiveness of your sins. It includes a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as the powerful presence of God in your life. Jesus said that He came that we might have life abundantly. (John 10:10) Your life can be an everyday expression of the life of Christ. You only need to decide to begin living this way.

Key Passage: John 10:10

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 6:24; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:13.

Scriptural Principles:

1 The extraordinary life is a divine life.

What is involved in living the way God has intended for you to live? First of all, it involves living a life that is divine. That means that it is godly in its ways. As a believer, you have the Spirit of God living inside you every single day. Through His indwelling presence, you will begin to think and to act as He would think and act. God will start to mold and shape you into the image of His Son.

2 The extraordinary life is a life of faith.

Living the divine life allows you to trust Him daily for all your needs. When you walk by faith you find that your worries decrease as your trust in Almighty God increases. Your friends will notice that there is something different about you, because yours has become a life of faith. The world has no idea what it's like to live by faith rather than sight, and therefore your life will stand out.

3 The extraordinary life is a life of purpose.

Oftentimes when we ask someone about his purpose in life, he must admit that it is little more than earning a living, remaining healthy, and finally retiring. God's purpose for your life is so much greater than that. He wants to live His divine and vibrant life through yours. There is far greater abundance and fulfillment when your sights are set on His eternal goals rather than the mundane and unsatisfying ones that worldly life offers.

4 The extraordinary life is a life of complete surrender.

We can serve only one master. (Matthew 6:24) The extraordinary life requires us to give up control, because God calls upon us to completely surrender to His will and His control over all our goals and values. Why should you be frightened to offer control of your life to Him? He is all-wise and He loves

you unconditionally. He has chosen what is best for you. Romans 8:28 tells us that He uses all things for our good if we love Him and are called according to His purpose.

5 The extraordinary life is a life of joyful obedience.

Why do we feel so much joy through obedience? The life of complete surrender is not one of drudgery, but of emancipation. We need never fear to obey Him, because He knows what is best for us and He brings us joy through our obedience. Sometimes we will experience challenges and face difficulties. But we find that He never changes, and therefore we can hold onto our joy even through the most trying times, simply by living in obedience to His will.

6 The extraordinary life is a life of total dependence upon God.

Some people believe that depending upon God is a sign of weakness, but actually it is the ultimate sign of strength. It takes courage to make a commitment to trust Him no matter what happens in life. We depend upon the power of the Holy Spirit to clarify our purpose in life. Then we feel a new, unshakeable sense of security because we know God is trustworthy and we are anchored to the truth of His Word. When we totally depend on God we can face anything.

7 The extraordinary life is a life of riches.

This is not a matter of how much money you have. If you are a child of God, you have something money can't buy and death can't take away. You have the eternal truth of the Living God inside you. All the promises He offers through His eternal Word are at your beck and call. According to Ephesians 1:13, you have within you the seal of the Holy Spirit to guarantee your eternal security.

8 The extraordinary life is a life of awesome love.

Can you honestly say that you have accepted the love of God emotionally? Many of us work hard in life trying to earn His love, but there isn't a thing in the world that will accomplish that. All we need to do is accept that love as His gift, because nothing can make Him love us any more than He already does. The extraordinary life is one of love for God, of love from God, and of love for other people.

9 What prevents us from living an extraordinary life?

If you have been missing out on the extraordinary life that God desires for you, it could be because you've been believing the devil's lies about you. He will lie about God's acceptance of you, and about your opportunity to live the extraordinary life. The second reason could be an unworthy feeling about yourself. You may be feeling fear and insecurity, but God wants you to trust Him and lean upon His power.

10 How can you have an extraordinary life?

First, you simply need to desire a life that is better than the one you have. Do you want the life God wants for you? Second, be willing to surrender. Say, "Lord, I surrender my life to You," and become willing to go wherever He leads. Third, confess your sin. He will bring the sins to your mind and heart. To repent means to walk away from anything that hinders your service to God. Why would any reasonable person choose those things over the riches of godly living?

Conclusion:

M My friend, I would like to ask you this question: What hinders you from stepping out in faith to accept the life that God designed you to live? Why accept even one more day of the "settled for" life which is all this world can offer?

Something much more joyful and abundant is just as much available to you as it is to anyone else alive today. God offers the extraordinary life

to whosoever is willing to call upon His name. Tell Him, "I want the best in life, Lord. I want the best for my family." The choice is yours to make. You can surrender your life to Jesus Christ, or continue through the years wondering what things might have been like if you had trusted Him. Why not yield to His will today? 🙏

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