

## The Gifted Life

When you hear the phrase, *The Good Life*, it probably conjures ideas of a happy lifestyle; good things. After all, this is exactly what the phrase implies; not too much imagination required to come to this conclusion. We relate the good life to accumulating possessions that make us content with our lifestyles. Usually, these are acquisitions we have collected through effort and are proud of our accomplishments. Whether we are satisfied with our career choice, our retirement years, or have simply been born into a life of luxury, we take pride to categorize ourselves with having a good life.

However, what if we take the same idea and apply it strictly to the spiritual aspect of man's life; the invisible component to the personage of body, soul, and spirit. The good life is specifically defined to the physical or body of man, but what about the spirit of man? It is easy to accept the natural because we can feel and see it, but when we give attention to the spirit, we are taking into consideration an invisible part of our existence. It is just as real as the body and soul, but on a completely different plane, for there are varying expectations and rewards associated with man's spirit life.

Knowing that God is Spirit and all within His Kingdom is spirit, it is understandable that the spirit of man is what interests Him. Thus, it is in the spirit realm that all things of the Father are freely given, gifts, to all who are reborn into the Kingdom. *And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.* Mark 4:11-12 It would be appropriate to say, that living as a spiritual person for the Father, you are living *The Gifted Life*. In the Good Life, you are on your own to achieve the things that will grant your happiness; however, in *The Gifted Life*, God supplies for all your requirements and this comes with supernatural power. His gifts are enduring, everlasting, and eternal. They are without compromise rendering you a great life, not simply a good one. The good life is of your ambition while the gifted life is given because you are a child of the Father.

A good life is wonderful and fulfilling, but a gifted life can be far more enriching when there are magnificent treasures to be received. Add to the gifted life such gifts from the Holy Spirit, the Fruits of the Spirit, which are love, peace, joy, faith, gentleness, goodness, temperance, meekness, and longsuffering and you have the makings for an abundant life. When we live according to the Fruits of the Spirit, or the spiritual laws within the Kingdom, we then are prepared to receive blessings and supernatural power to address any circumstance we may face in our daily lives. The foundation must first be set and this is understanding and accepting the guidelines that the Holy Spirit requires. Living accordingly, we can anticipate blessings and supernatural power to handle incidences and issues that arise because we live in a fallen world. The corruptness or sin of this world does not go away, but we are equipped with the Holy Spirit

to protect and provide for us. *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* Romans 8:27

More than anything, God desires His children live a life in which we are continuously relying on His supernatural gifts. His storehouse of treasures in Heaven await your asking for them. He does not arbitrarily throw gifts, figuratively speaking, down to earth from His Kingdom, but rather we acquire them through our request they be given to us. Yes, they are gifts, but you have to want the gift. These are spiritual gifts from a spirit Kingdom given through the Holy Spirit to help in our daily circumstances and to be used in promoting the gospel of Christ. Unfortunately, many believers today lack in the knowledge of how God's Kingdom functions, and thus, are not living in the spirit realm and receiving these precious gifts.

What we are experiencing in society today is that many families are struggling to survive the ever-changing economic and financial conditions. Inflation, lack of wage increases, unemployment, medical expenses, and so forth are trapping families in hardship, bondage to the dictates of the world. Many are simply struggling to survive day by day without hope of a better lifestyle. They do not see the good life, nor the gifted life, only trying to maintain the life they have.

There is a way to recover but it requires help. The kind of help I am referring to is not from an organization or institution, but rather keeping it within the family. It is a turning to your heavenly Father for the provisions He has for you. *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.* Romans 8:26 God is the only One who can truly supply for your needs, correct misfortunes, and set you on a path of recovery from the bondage that has held you captive, preventing you from living the gifted life. If you find yourself at this juncture, you will need supernatural intervention, and the One who can grant this power is the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly power comes into your life through the Holy Spirit, and it is His desire (for He is God) to give to you. Circumstances can be changed and it is so simple once you understand the principles of the Kingdom and abide by them. Your life can be turned around from struggle and hardship, to the good life, to a great life, to the gifted life if you accept the ever-flowing benefits of living with the Holy Spirit as your personal counselor.

Just as there are many individuals not living a good or gifted life, there are also those who have learned and live it daily. They can attest to the wonderful blessings that changed their life and gave them heavenly riches so they could have a good life, a gifted life, today. Your life can be changed for the mere wanting and asking for the Holy Spirit to help you. *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.* John 14:16-17 We don't consider the spirit aspect of our life and miss out on a great life right here on earth, right now. After all, it

is in this natural world that we acquire what God has provided for us. We won't need it when we are living in the Kingdom, permanently. However, because you are reborn in spirit, your spiritual life begins with the acceptance and quickening of the Holy Spirit. God made it possible for your spirit life to begin the moment you were born back to Him. You don't have to wait until you leave this earthen life to appear in the Kingdom of Heaven, before the Almighty King. You get to live a spirit life right now and it continues on into eternity, but you must have the knowledge of how to live your new birthright that Christ has given you.

Without continuing to learn through the teachings of God's Word in the Scriptures and relying on the Holy Spirit, you will miss the most important aspect of your life. We understand the physical body and our carnal thought (soul), but when no attention is given to the part of us that is capable of living eternally, then we have missed out on great things in this lifetime. We miss out on living a gifted life, the life that our Father has planned for us. There is nothing more rewarding than to live with the benefits of heavenly treasures and supernatural power, for it is meant for you, for today. God wants you to live a great life, the one He planned for you. There will be nothing that surpasses living a gifted life. Let yours begin today.

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