

Abundant Life = Abundant Relationships

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Introduction:

When we received Christ, we received an abundant life. As part of that life we should be enjoying life and the people in our lives. God has specifically put people in our lives and we need to enjoy those relationships and make them abundant relationships. It is hard to live the abundant life if our relationships are not right.

Scripture:

Philippians 1: 3-11

I. Enjoy and be grateful for the positive things in people. Don't focus on the negatives. Let go of the hurts and pain. Focus on the good in people. Focus on their strengths, and not their weaknesses. Be loyal to the relationship, even if they are displaying their weaknesses.

II. Enjoy practicing positive praying for them. Seek the good in them and pray for them to have the things they need to be better. Praying for them will help change our attitudes about them.

Four things to pray for:

1. They grow in love
2. They grow in wisdom
3. They do the right things and be pure and blameless
4. They live for God's glory

III. Enjoy people from your heart, out of love for them. Learn to understand people, their motives, their pressures, etc. Rom 5:5.

IV. Enjoy them as they go through the process of growth and change. Be patient with their progress. Remember we all have

our flaws. Remember God will finish the good work He has begun in them.

Conclusion:

Life is too short to not enjoy the people in our lives.

1. Who do you need to be patient with?
2. Who do you need to focus on the positives and strengths of?
3. Who do you need to pray for?
4. Are you praying for their good and not your own?
5. Who do you need to love from the heart?

Remember to work on your abundant relationships with people as you enjoy your abundant life with God.