

# The Most Abundant Life™

## The Character of God

### I. Generosity of God

Acts 17:24-25 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because **he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.**

Psalms 34:8-10 (NASB)

O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! <sup>9</sup> O fear the LORD, you His saints; For **to those who fear Him there is no want.** <sup>10</sup> The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing.

Nehemiah 9:19-21 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. <sup>20</sup> You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. <sup>21</sup> For forty years you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.

#### A. Advocacy

Romans 8:31-32 (NASB)

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If **God is for us**, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup> **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

#### B. Victory

Romans 8:37 (NIV)

. . . in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us.

#### C. Life

John 3:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### D. Redeemed

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> For **he has rescued us** from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## E. Justified

Romans 5:8-9 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since **we have now been justified by his blood**, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

## F. Sanctified

Hebrews 13:12 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

## II. Living an Abundant Life ---A Transformed Life

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

A. Present your body

B. Do not conform

C. Transformed thinking

D. Embrace God's will

## III. Generous Living

Luke 6:32-38 (NIV)

<sup>32</sup> "If you **love** those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you **do good** to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you **lend** to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full.

<sup>35</sup> But **love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.** Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

<sup>36</sup> **Be merciful**, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. **For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**"

## IV. A Mindset

John 16:33 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! **I have overcome the world.**"

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and **after you have done everything**, to stand.

Galatians 6:9 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for a revelation of Your great love. You alone are the source of my life. You have made available true life, filling my days with purpose and joy. You have rescued me from futility and brought dignity to my existence. I worship You today. I lift my voice and my heart in thanksgiving. Jesus is Lord over my life, my family and my future. To Him be all glory and praise, amen.