

# Maximized Living

Maximize: Make as large or as great as possible

God never designed life to be small, restricted or hard to bear.

God designed life to be grand, great ....maximized.

The symbol of this plan was a land called Canaan, AKA the Promised Land or the land of Promise.

A land where a group of slaves could become a group of masters.

Not masters of each other.

Israel was never meant to have monarchs, aristocrats or ruling parties.

They were to be a nation of equals with God as their leader.

If they had obeyed they would have had equal opportunity to increase their holdings and become greater in both affluence and influence.

But of course obedience was always an issue for them as it is for us today.

## And obedience is a necessity 2x

Isa 1:19-20 (NAS95) "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land; [20] "But if you refuse and rebel, You will be devoured by the sword." Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**Consent:** A verb meaning to be willing, Its primary meaning is to be positively inclined to respond to some authority

**Obey:** A verb meaning to hear, to obey, to listen,

The obedient are not passive they are active.

They actively respond to God's leading, His word, His voice.

Psa 66:12 (NLT) Then you put a leader over us. We went through fire and flood, but you brought us to a place of great abundance.

Isa 43:2 (NASB) "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

A maximized life is an ever expanding, every changing life.

## Change is only Endurable when your situation is Intolerable.

You never change things you can tolerate.

God loves you but He can scarcely tolerate you

Why? Because He knows your potential...the potential of your life.

He yearns for all that He has invested in you to be manifested through you.

I read in the writings of the rabbis that the greatest task of the creation is to glorify the Creator by living life to its fullest.

The ancients rabbis would say that if we did not maximize our lives we robbed our God.

Joh 17:4 (NASB) "I glorified You on the earth by accomplishing the work which You have given Me to do.

Jesus didn't say I glorified you on the earth by working great miracles, or preaching timeless sermons

The glory of a thing, anything, is found in the achievement of its potential

Ex: a rose in bud has potential but no glory. You never see a bud and say, Isn't that rose glorious. But when it realizes its potential and blooms out to its maximum its in its glory - isn't that rose glorious

Joh 15:8 (NASB) "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

# Living the maximized life isn't hard its easy. Jesus said so!

Mat 11:30 (MKJV) For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Easy = achieved without great effort; presenting few difficulties:

Mat 11:30 (AMPC) For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good--not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.

Really all that God requires of us is faith-filled obedience.

He brings all the rest He just asked us to hear and obey

## **Its always been about loving God enough to trust God and trusting God enough to obey God**

If we do what He says, consistently and constantly He will bring us step by step into a large open place of abundance.

Joh 10:10 (NASB) "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly.

**Abundantly** =around, over and above. Over and above, more than enough

Joh 10:10 (NLT) The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Joh 10:10 (TPT) A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow!

## **Understand the Why of the OverFlow**

Pro 10:22 (NASB) It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.

The blessings become a curse when you forget the who the why and the how.

- The Who - It all comes from HIM
- The Why - that you might be a blessing
- The How - His blessing not your effort

The overflow is for influence, world evangelism and Kingdom expansion.

Pro 10:22 (TPT) True enrichment comes from the blessing of the Lord, with rest and contentment in knowing that it all comes from him.

Luk 12:15-21 (TPT) Speaking to the people, Jesus continued, "Be alert and guard your heart from greed and always wishing for what you don't have. For your life can never be measured by the amount of things you possess."

What is greed? Its always wishing for what you don't have. That is what robs you of contentment - always chasing the new and improved. Distracted by the things.

1Ti 6:6 (NASB) But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.

Luk 12:16-21 [16] Jesus then gave them this illustration: "A wealthy land owner had a farm that produced bumper crops. In fact, it filled his barns to overflowing! [17] He thought, 'What should I do now that every barn is full and I have nowhere else to store more? [18] I know what I'll do! I'll tear down the barns and build one massive barn that will hold all my grain and goods. [19] Then I can just sit back, surrounded with comfort and ease. I'll enjoy life with no worries at all.' [20] "God said to him, 'What a fool you are to trust in your riches and not in me.

He was not defined as a fool because he was wealthy. He was defined as a fool because of where he placed his trust.

He forgot the why of the overflow - I will bless you and make you a blessing.

This very night the messengers of death are demanding to take your life. Then who will get all the wealth you have stored up for yourself?' [21] This is what will happen to all those who fill up their lives with everything but God."

Isa 1:19 (NAS95) "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land;

We know what God says to do so why do we struggle.

- **Give** - yet 90% of God's people do not give.
- **Forgive** - Yet most of our counselors report that christians don't forgive
- **Serve** - Well.....

Jas 4:17 (TPT) So if you know of an opportunity to do the right thing today, yet you refrain from doing it, you're guilty of sin.

The maximized life is out there, its been prepared and waits on our arrival - its right down the road and getting there is ....EASY.