

# The Steps To Enjoy Good Life

***“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2)***

Everyone is living his life in the hope that he will enjoy the day that he has on earth as well as that he will have a secure life after death in order to spend eternity with God. To enjoy life or to live a good life and life to the full people would have different understanding and opinion about it. Some they think it is through money and if they have much of it they will be blessed. Some they say it is through better job or a good profession and if they will have it then life will be so wonderful and joyful. But the word of God telling us that good life will come when we are in the good, pleasing and perfect will of God.

Therefore if we want to live a good life and be with God forever in eternity we need to be in the will of God. In order to achieve that Apostle Paul instructed the church to do the following:-

***1- Do not conform to the pattern of this world:*** Every one of us had come from certain background and that background had its own culture. And we know very well there are certain things in the culture are good and need to be kept and practiced. Some cultures teach not to lie, not to cheat, and to have sex outside the marriage life. These and others are correct principles that go along the word of God and we need to keep and practice. But in other side there are certain cultures will teach certain things that are harmful, like boasting, bragging, spending much, showing off and squandering resources, these and other incorrect principles we should not keep and practice in our lives because it will spoil us and spoil the good life that God had promised and prepared to us.

Do not be enticed, influenced and being oppressed and forced to do what others of your same culture are doing and following. You must be a different person than them. Stand firm even all are doing the wrong thing and follow the wrong way but you should not do that. God has for you another way to follow. You need to differentiate yourself from them to do what is good in the eyes of the Lord.

***Do not conform to the pattern of this world,*** as well as, ***“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.<sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.<sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:15-17)*** People around you becoming so worldly and they are lustful and coveting lot of unnecessary and harmful things. They think that if they got these things they will enjoy a good life. But life is not in these worldly things, but true life is in seeking God, His Kingdom and His righteousness. As you seek God and not the worldly things God will add to you all what is good and beneficial and you will enjoy a good life in His presence as He promises in His Word, ***“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)***

***2- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind:*** People are looking around for a change in the atmosphere of their lives, expecting that these changes will bring them into a good life.

So they change the colour of their hair, they put colourful contact lenses, some they change their furniture or the arrangement of their rooms. Some they are looking forward to change their jobs, their accommodation or looking for a new country to live. All are looking for a change that will bring good results in their lives. But transformation in life that will bring mankind into God’s will and makes him enjoy life is only possible when man renews his mind. Renewing the mind is to change the mind and repent from certain decision and turn toward God’s plan.

There are thoughts and plans in your mind that was there before you met Christ. These plans might look good and fine, and for you they are excellent, but if they were there before you give your life to Christ they are not from God; it will not help you or build you but it will pull you down. As you are willing to give up your own previous plans then you can receive the fresh and the true blessed plan of God in your life. God’s plan is not to harm you but to prosper you and to give you hope and future. God waiting for you to accept to change what is in your mind ***Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.***

***3- Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God:*** The way to worship God is not only through singing songs and hymns to the Lord. But we worship God of what we do and how we use the parts of our bodies. From head to toe is belong to God and we need to use all the parts of our bodies to glorify God in right and correct use.

Our mind should think right and carry the thoughts of God. There should be no evil thoughts or the ambitious things that contradict God’s plan. Our eyes God gave to us so we can see, read, differentiate, decide and help us to move. We should not use our eyes to watch useless and sinful things. Our ears God gave us to hear the voices and understand what people are saying and listen to the Word of God and the praises of God. Ears are not given to listen and entertain bad words, stories and gossips. Our mouths are to utter the very Word of God and give Him the glory and the praise. Our tongues and lips are not to tell lies and speak bad words. Our hearts should be clean and full of love toward God and the people. We should not harbor greed, lust, anger or un-forgiveness in our hearts. Our bodies are to glorify God and not to be involved in immoralities and sap our strength on wrong uses. Our hands must be active in doing the good work that God had prepared in advance for us to do. And our feet should carry us where God wants to take us; our feet should bring us to places to bring the good news to the people and got them save and delivered. If we use the parts of our bodies to do useful things then we are in the ***good, pleasing and perfect will*** of God and sure we will enjoy a blessed life.

***My Dear and Beloved:*** In view of God’s mercy I urge you to comply with the message and what God had shown to us through His Word. God had sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life. The death of Jesus on the cross is the mercy and the righteousness of God, and we need to respond favourably to what God and Jesus had done to us. That would be possible and practical only if we humble down and accept to do what God instructed us through His Word in this message.

***My Prayer:*** *Father God I thank you for your Son the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord today I offer the parts of my body to you as a living sacrifice to honour you and glorify you. Lord as I repent from my sins \_\_\_\_\_ please transforms me. Today I commit myself not to do what others are doing against your will, but I commit my life fully unto you. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.*