

Locating the Source Finding the Good Life

1. When you are seeking happiness primarily in wealth, health or power, when you are seeking happiness in *any* _____, worldly thing, you will not find a genuine, lasting type of happiness unless you are spiritually grounded
2. Finding goodness in life depends on what is going on in your _____/soul, rather than what is going on in your external circumstances
3. The rich young ruler from John 19
 - a. something wasn't quite _____ in his life, or else he would have never approached Jesus in the first place
 - b. Jesus prescription, "the *only* way to get it, is for you to sell everything you own, give it all to the poor, and then come follow me"
4. "We have placed too much faith/hope in politicians, social reforms, money and possessions, only to find out that we are being deprived of our most precious commodity: our _____ lives."
5. The true things that make life worthwhile- things like joy, contentment, peace, hope, love – are things that concern your internal state, and no amount of external circumstances will change your internal state. Only getting your life right with _____ can do that.
6. Let go of all the things you have placed your _____ in for happiness, and in their place, put your faith in Me, & here is what I will show you, the Way that leads to True Life.
7. Where does your joy come from?
 - a. Does it come from whatever happens in your external circumstances?
 - b. or, from somewhere else?
 - c. Doxology - Praise God from whom *all* _____ *flow*
8. What is the Source from which all *true* blessings flow?
 - a. What is the source from which you believe the good life will come?
9. A teaching from Christ in John 15:5-7
 - a. Jesus says "5 "I am the _____; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. but apart from me you can do nothing."
 - b. fruit = peace, love, hope, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, contentment, joy... all the good things, deep down we are hoping for in life
10. The world, our culture, our society will tell you that the Source of the Good Life will be found somewhere in your external circumstances. But Jesus says, *I* am the Source, I am the *Vine*, I am the truth, & the way to the Life that you are ultimately seeking."
11. What do you think? Was Jesus right? If so, what might He be calling *you* to do?
 1. external 2. heart 3. right 4. spiritual 5. God 6. faith 7. blessings 9a. Vine