

Fruit and Works Finding the Good Life

1. Health, wealth & power have the potential to create an environment that is more conducive to happiness, to the Good Life, but all that is meaningless if your _____ is in the wrong place
2. Not only the end product of health, wealth and power, but some people believe that by simply _____ towards those things, they will find happiness at some point regardless of the attitude they have *while* they are working (being busy)
3. The Issue of Fruit and Works
 - a. Fruit – experience of good life itself, an internal state/experience
 - b. Works – things we “do” to obtain the good life, which concerns our _____ condition, these are the things that keep us busy from day to day
 - c. If you are always focused on how good or bad you are playing, on your score or your next swing, when are you simply going to allow yourself to enjoy the beauty of the day, joy of being outside, release of having no worries for the moment?
4. The debate over the role of faith and works
 - a. Eph 2:9; James 2:17; Mt 7:20, 24
 - b. The Good life, it will only be found when you find a healthy _____ between works and faith, yes even works and *fruit*, because discovering God’s best for your future will only be found in trying to become perfect while also appreciating the goodness that God has already provided.
 - c. - playing a round of golf because it is fun and you enjoy the entire experience, rather than because you want a better score, *even though* we are always striving to hit a better shot when you get an opportunity
 - d. Work towards making your life better, but not *at the expense* of your peace
5. Strive to have the very best life possible, and know that your external circumstances indeed have the potential to *add to* your internal state. However, remember there is no *end* _____ to be achieved, no good life that you will someday acquire, no pot of gold at the end of *any* rainbow (except heaven). Instead, the journey is the goal, the path is the destination, and as such, the good life is simply experienced in the day to day moments where you experience peace, love, joy, hope, goodness, kindness, and grace - the fruits of the Spirit.
6. The sailboat and the shore
 - a. the person on the lakeshore with their hand raised, or the person in the sailboat with their sails extended: Who is being moved more by the wind?
 - b. Challenge - never get so feverishly focused on the _____ of sailing, that you miss the entire point of being out there in the boat
 - c. the journey *is* the _____ - the *enjoyment* of sailing is why you are here, not the work nor where you wind up

1. heart/soul 2. working 3. external 4b. balance 5. goal 6. work c. destination