

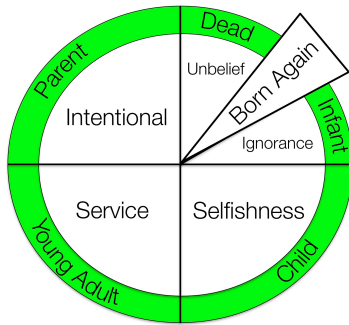


# ELEVATE

YOUR WALK WITH GOD

PART 6: The High Life

Sunday, May 8, 2016



Colossians 1:28-29 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Philippians 2:25-27 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. 26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

➤ CHURCH TODAY: Many focus on pursuing the \_\_\_\_\_ and forget the \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ THE GOSPELS: \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God through the life of Jesus.

John 6:38-40 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40 For

my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

➤ BOOK OF ACTS: \_\_\_\_\_ of how the New Testament Church and believers should function.

➤ THE EPISTLES: \_\_\_\_\_ us to establish a relationship with God and take our \_\_\_\_\_ in His family.

Colossians 2:2-3 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

AMP: [For my hope is] that their hearts may be encouraged as they are knit together in [unselfish] love, so that they may have all the riches that come from the full assurance of understanding [the joy of salvation], resulting in a true [and more intimate] knowledge of the mystery of God, *that is*, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge [regarding the word and purposes of God].

## THE HIGH LIFE

1. We pursue the \_\_\_\_\_ and not His \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 6:25-33 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NLV) First of all, look for the holy nation of God. Be right with Him. All these other things will be given to you also.

## 2. We must establish our heavenly

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Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

John 17:16 NLT They do not belong to this world any more than I do.

Colossians 3:1-4 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

2 Peter 1:2-4 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

*\*All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*