

## **The Good Life**

### **Part One - Only God is Good**

- **The good life starts with real life.**

#### **James 1:17**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

#### **John 10:10**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

- **Only God is good.**

#### **Matthew 19:17**

Jesus said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? Only God is good. If you want to have eternal life, you must obey his commandments.”

- **There is no good life apart from God.**

#### **Mark 8:36**

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”

- **The goodness of God is defined by love.**

#### **1 John 4:8**

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

#### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no account of wrongs. 6 Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

## **12 Biblical Traits of the Good Life:**

1. A kind life.
2. A patient life.
3. A humble life.
4. A considerate life.
5. A selfless life.
6. A long-suffering life.
7. A forgiving life.
8. A just life.
9. A persevering life.
10. A believing life.
11. A hopeful life.
12. An enduring life.

## **1 Timothy 6:12, 18-19**

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

18 (The rich) are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

• **The true good life includes a good foundation, a good confession and a good fight.**