

LIFE LESSONS



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A GUIDE FOR SUCCESSFUL
CHRISTIAN LIVING

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YOUR WORD I HAVE HIDDEN IN MY HEART,
THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU.

PSALM 119:11

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Dedication

This book I dedicated to Jo Ann Fisher. A Godly servant with a faithful heart for Jesus. She has struggled daily with health issues through the years and has demonstrated to me what perseverance looks like in times of hardship. Jo has remained not only a honored friend along with her husband Jon, but a huge inspiration in my life as well. I pray for God's blessing to overflow in everything each of them set their mind to accomplish. That God's abundance will be on Jo and her husband Jon continuously. Lord Jesus I ask for healing and restoration for their bodies, soul and spirits.

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Introduction

This is the third book in the Life Lessons series. I pray those reading these Life Lessons will abundantly benefit from the valuable teachings within their pages. My hope is that there will be an appreciation of the numerous hours spent constructing these thoughts and scriptures into this aid for real Christian living. I have worked hard to encourage you to increase your belief; understanding and faith in the promises of God. God says for us to test Him to see if His promises are true. See if He will cause the necessary changes called for to be fulfilled to solidify faith and trust into our lives. To confirm how much He wants to bless your life with abundance. Jesus genuinely wants to enjoy a personal relationship with us. He desires to be alive and active in our lives to fill the apparent voids. To provide clarity to the unanswered questions, we all have. Everyone needs answers. Exceptionally when we observe all the chaos that has become a thorn in so many of our lives. All of us require order to make sense of the countless things withstood in this life. We desire that our families are being brought up in foundations of faith that are going to establish them to be

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productive, safe and secure. The wish of every father and mother is that the children the bare will have life to a more sufficient degree than the one that they had.

Our true calling is to serve God and leave this world better than the one we entered. That is not consistently the case. Mankind starts off at a disadvantage. He is born into sin and separation once he reaches the age of accountability. The proper decisions have to be made in order for us to all experience the success that accompanies this. Many will choose to do right while others will be filled with corruption that brings about destruction. There are two types of people dwelling on this spinning globe we call Earth. The good and the wicked. Both have one thing in common, God's salvation is open to each of them if they consider the appropriate choices. Depending on the choice they make there are still two types of people living in this world. Those filled with the Holy Spirit and those who ultimately become slaves of Satan and sin. There are no other types. Many would like to believe there is no God. That Jesus never lived. But that would be inaccurate.

Like the previous two books, I have tried to replicate into the understanding of the reader that we determine our future by the choices made today. It is our choices that dictate how our life will be defined. Our actions today will represent our final legacy when we are no longer in this world. Our descendants after us will remember whatever reputation was forged for ourselves while living on this earth, good or bad. They will either want to recognize what was instructed to them or forget your existence altogether. Your legacy will plot out the course for succeeding generations to follow good or bad. Therefore, you can appreciate my concern as well as the urgency as I produce these labors of love to you. My desire is we all get two thumbs up for our efforts.

In this publication I will propose you with many challenging questions

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as done in all my books. Solely thinking questions open up the mind. They expand our senses to the truth about our lives that only we can answer candidly. Some statements hopefully will make you think deeply about what is being said. In addition sure some things stated will cause you to passionately disagree with a few of my views, I appreciate that and also fine with it. We are not mindless zombies stumbling through life. We have to look at things subjectively. More than that, my hope is that you will discover truth for your own personal life. To excel beyond what you believed represented limitations to your capabilities. That is how I have tried to conduct my life in Christ. Though there have been many successes, they have all come on the back of failure and defeat. Without failure and setbacks, there will be no victory or success. The two go hand in hand whether we like it or not. Learn to embody both if we want to make a difference in this world.

In the end, hoping my questions will cause an examination the things that you disagree with. Not lightly dabbling at an answer, but devoting yourself to uncovering the truth for your own personal life. Answers to questions which cannot be gained in just a few fleeting hours of our existence. We were constructed by the a multitude of generations that lived before us. What they left as characteristics in our lives was coded in our DNA from the beginning of mankind. Therefore, as a favor, inspect thoroughly and be honest as you look within. I had to implement that in my own life. Finding out there were so many gaps in the family history while knowing the answers wouldn't come flooding in only one day, if even at all. I needed Jesus Christ to be in my life. Some will strongly agree with what has been said, as well as those that will not at all. That is reasonable too. Everyone would prefer that all would think as they do, but we know it is not reality. Reality for me is giving hope to those that desire it. A hand reaching out filled with the love of God for those who are in need of stability in their lives. Though not being God, I am driven by the Holy Spirit to live

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on as a life preserver in an ocean of turbulent waters. Only for those who desire practical change in their lives. Being limited in talent and resources, but always ready to help in whatever way possible.

That is why I compose these books. Being reluctant at first because of limitations while discovering my new calling that I am learning to embrace. These books represent tools for successful Christian living. Like you, learning while reviewing these pages as well. Blessed as the Holy Spirit has revealed himself to me in the pages of all that has been already written so far. Knowing that many more blessings are imminent because of the forthcoming books to still be composed. My prayer is this book will draw you closer to Jesus. That it will inspire everyone to be all that God desires them to be. To encourage those that follow it to live their lives in satisfaction, contentment and fulfillment. Causing you to experience a deep love for Christ abounding in excess in you.

Be Blessed. Be the warrior Jesus intended you to be.



My Thoughts Are Not Your Thoughts

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon...Isaiah 55:7

What a powerful scripture. It is about God's desire to grant His mercy to every one of us. He desires to pardon us from our sins. We have to choose to change course from our primitive ways and turn to the newness of life in Him. There are many conflicting thoughts about what God is and isn't. I am certain you have heard many viewpoints about this subject. Mankind is constantly trying to figure out God. Always redefining what God stands for. What they presume He expects from His creation while being wrong most of the time. Completely out of line with God's genuine intentions. Many look at God with love in their hearts. He has delivered them through so much trial and hardship that it reflects in their attitude. They are appreciative for their deliverance from former experiences while currently living in victory. Passionate about Him because He has supported them in their efforts throughout their relationship. Allowing Him to instruct them into the peace and security that passes all understanding.

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Others have contempt towards Him. Condemning Him for their lives if they are unpleasant. Never holding themselves accountable for the hardships brought on themselves. Hateful to God because of their desire to distort world history and fact. Pointing blame for any and every adverse event they think He is responsible for. They like making Him sound evil and uncaring. Only to attempt justifying their feelings of absolute contempt. Detesting the Lord for what He is going to be doing to the people who refuse to bow down to His will. Blaming God for all the wars, illnesses, death, and destruction that plague mankind's history and lives. These negative naysayers consist of the type of people that believe God's sole desire for mankind is to punish them. They think He wants to commit everyone that does something wrong to hell. To punish them for everything done wrong in their lives. Peculiarly if what they have allowed is against God's goodness, loving kindness and desire to fellowship with His creation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We are not bugs under a magnifying glass. God is uninterested in consuming us under the beam of intense heat. We continue being the work of His hands. He fashioned us in His image for His good pleasure. We maintain much importance to God in spite of our shortfalls. That is why He is always reaching out. Being constantly prepared to bestow His mercy on those separated from His fellowship because of sin. Expressing His immense compassion to redeem and restore us back into His good graces. If He didn't favor us so much, He would have never sent Jesus to present Himself as the sacrifice for the sins of mankind. There would be no peace anywhere in this world if God didn't desire fellowship with His creation. Mankind would ultimately kill itself out of existence. God never wanted to eliminate the world or those created in His likeness. His intention has continued being the restoration of His creation back to Him. Mankind is unconditionally loved by God. Some will want to believe that and

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some won't. The Lord is a God of virtue, honor and judgment, that is why he made laws for us to follow and obey. He effected them, so we could prosper in them to live in peace and security.

Man, as intelligent as he wishes he was, is not in the same universe when it comes to God. Jesus is divine. Abounding in wisdom and knowledge. That is why so many of the negative comments you overhear people make are not to be taken seriously. Those that genuinely recognize Him know better. Their lives are testimonies of God's desire to rebuild and restore. He wants to promote healing to all the things in our lives that have been broken. To heal all the areas laid waste through times of stress and trial.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope...Jeremiah 29:11

Mankind thinks that through science it has everything in our universe figured out. When looking at the world around us, it is clear atrocities are taking place. Despicable acts that are beyond our realm of reason. When observing these things, it is at that moment people discover how little we know about our world and the human condition.

" So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. ²⁷ Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame...Joel 2:25-27

When observing all the magnificent things that God has accomplished in this world we can see how impressive and amazing they are. That is why God desires to bless all mankind instead of vexing us. He desires to saturate our lives with abundance. If it is spiritual, physical or

monetary, Jesus wants to bless. At that point, those who are blessed and rescued can go out and declare to others about the goodness of God that has been brought into their lives. We can use the abundance he has provided us as resources to further His kingdom. I recognize the repetition concerning this statement since it has been conveyed through many chapters within my books. It is a vital truth in my view that really needs to be driven home and understood. The scripture says:

For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth. ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹ For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. ¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance...Psalm 4:4-12

The so-called scholars of this world need everyone to believe life just seemed to come to exist out of nothing. Evolutionists require us to believe that life, for no explainable reason, just came to exist without including the science to support it. They talk about the big bang theory. How an atom sized molecule exploded for no reason then made all this infinite space that we see in our skies. The billions of stars and planets from this one molecule were supposedly created from that big bang. I have to declare; they have not convinced me as yet. I think that will be an uphill battle for them to do. In fact, their scientific creations and technology declare a conflicting story. Even though knowing better, they still want to spread their propaganda. Unwilling to admit that a God, who is resented so much by them, is actually smarter than they will eternally be. How their theory unfolded

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to bring about life as we know it is nothing more than a myth. As I said formerly, their own science is full of contradictions. Standing tall and proud while sporting a bold face trying to pass off this theory as cold hard facts when knowing better. When looking at what the science establishes, you find they possess no facts at all. To tell the truth they consist of nothing more than a guess, mere speculation with endless ideas. That is why it is termed a theory. In this case a more satisfactory definition would be fiction mixed in with hope and pride. I know that God's science is beyond our comprehension because He invented it.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect...Psalm33:10

Scientists can deny God, that's fine. Intimidating those without the scientific credentials, they themselves have gained through more exceptional education. Standing on their own soapboxes preaching their anti-God rhetoric all they desire. God created in them the free will to do it. Able to humiliate people who disagree with their scientific babble. However, no matter how much their resistance may be. Or how hard they try to force their nonsense down everyone's throats that know better. Ultimately, they will be like all the rest of us. Standing before their creator. Having to explain their lives and reasoning behind their actions to Him. Before God in judgment trembling while giving an account of every foolish word they spoke against Him. Ignorance will not provide a defense for them. I know what shoes I don't want to be wearing when that time comes. In Isaiah and Jeremiah it goes on confirming that God created everything with just the word of His mouth as we read:

Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it...Isaiah 42:5

Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens; When I call to them, They stand up together...Isaiah 48:13

He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. ¹³ When He utters His voice, There is a multitude of waters in the heavens: " And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasures."...Jeremiah 10:12-13

Mankind has and will persistently try to compare their intelligence to God. Trying compare man to a being so far beyond our perception of reality, understanding and reasoning is almost a joke. Being as imaginative as humans are, we nevertheless demonstrate an ability unable to totally grasp the magnificence of who and what God genuinely is in His entirety. All anyone can do is imagine what we visualize God to be like. Presumption extends a long way, but knowing His desires for our lives is hit and miss with most. Anyone can assume they are constantly walking in His will. In practice, I'm absolutely convinced that many people would be far away from what He is undoubtedly envisioning His will for us to be. Jesus molds our lives and sets our steps ahead of time even though some will try to throw in a twist or turn along the way. Clearly being God, He knew that was going to happen, so adjustments were secured ahead of time. No matter how smart or devious we might think ourselves to be, the Father is never surprised. Yahweh is always on top of every situation no matter what our flesh or Satan may indicate to us. I am confident everyone would constantly be in awe whenever the Lords plan unfolded before their eyes so much more differently than what was initially expected. Jesus is never confined in our God box. He cannot be contained in the box in our minds that were created by us to restrain His abilities in. It is impossible to limit Him. If that is implemented, we are in reality scaling ourselves back more than we

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are presently. I want to witness the maximum power of God released in my life. I don't want to experience limitations. He has always done something in my life that causes me to say, "I absolutely didn't see that one coming." I love it when that happens.

They think they maintain no importance to Him. He spoke everything into existence with just a word. We contain no possible way to assess how He executed that. Being at a loss to understand the entirety of that statement. It is much too extensive for us to thoroughly comprehend. We are finite, He is eternal. We have a beginning and an end to our lives. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. We occupy our moment in time in this world by our limited existence. God is everywhere simultaneously, past, present and future. Not bound by periods of time or the laws of nature because He composed them. We die and our life ends. The Lord is everlasting and eternal. It is because of that mankind has always devalued itself to the point of feeling undeserving or unimportant.

If God is so mighty, then why would He desire to have anything to do with me? How can mankind be so arrogant as to believe we are able to explain Him away with ordinary logic?

Especially with our limited knowledge of the legitimate science that He created. Not a hair on our head ever falls to the ground without Him knowing about it. He attends to every word, thought, and prayer. All at the same time. Hearing them all individually by the millions as well. He identifies what our needs are before we ask. To me, that is completely amazing. Totally God like. Mankind doesn't get it because we can't. It is out of our grasp. Being impossible for us to take it all in. Totally lacking the ability. We don't possess the capacity to process the concept no matter how much most knowledge driven people want to believe they can. He is God. People wish they were like Him in every aspect, but we have to acknowledge humans fall short. This is what all

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this anti-God science boils down to. He is God and they are not. Many educated people in science don't like or want to accept that. If men and women could explain Him away so easily, then He wouldn't be God.

When a living God who merely utters a word and it becomes a reality, do you genuinely think you are going to get over on Him? Able to one up Him at anything?

That's why He said:

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon...Isaiah 55:7

Why do you think that Isaiah wrote this scripture the way he did?

Most people would think it was just the accepted language style back then. Some would say he was pre-occupied with being holier than thou. Some would look deeper to find out what the underlying reasons were behind the thought. To understand Isaiah's thinking processes you have to know a little bit about him. Isaiah was summoned to prophetic service during the reign of Oziah (Uzziah), king of Judea. He prophesied for 60 years during the reign of Kings Joatham, Achaz (Ahaz), Hezekiah and Manasseh. The start of his service was marked by the following vision. It was a supernatural vision as we will see in this following chapter.