

The Good and Beautiful Life –Part 7

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“But I say, love your enemies!
Pray for those who persecute you!”
Matthew 5:44**

2017 Motto:

It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Sermon Title:

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Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

Extended Verse Study:

1: Read Matthew 5:38-45

2: Read John 15:9-12

3: Read Psalm 139

4: Read Romans 5

5: Read John 3:30

6: Read Romans 14:17

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. In what way(s) does Matthew 5:38-45 go against with one's instinct of being a citizen of the kingdom of the world in which we live?
2. In what way(s) does Matthew 5:38-45 parallel with one's decision to identify him or herself as a citizen of Heaven with his or her identity in Christ?
3. Pastor Steve said, “When forgiveness leads we live a life of freedom...” How can your decision to forgive offenses free you to live like a child of God whose identity is in Christ?
4. What does it look like when one's identity is rooted in wealth, status and or talents?
5. If one's possessions and or talents is the core of his or her identity, are they free to love God, others and self or enslaved to the kingdom of the world thinking? Explain.
6. Matthew 5 tells us we should take the identity of Christ but how does one bless, pray for and love God, self, others including those who are annoying and offensive?
7. Pastor Steve said, “As you practice the presence of God, the peace of God will come over your life...” In what way has the Good and Beautiful Life book helped you to practice the presence of God?

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

The Good and Beautiful life: -

- **We are called to be what we were created to be and do by our Heavenly Father God**
- **God is love, He lives in us. We need to recognize we are children of God**
- **We were created to be a lover of God self and others indiscriminately**
- **The Good and Beautiful life God created for us is to recognize our identity in God and His love for us which frees us to love Him, self and others**