

- a. We live for Him through our **FAITH**.

Hebrews 10:38 *The just shall live by faith.*

## 1. Why live for God?

- a. We should live for Him because of His **GREAT LOVE** for us.

1 John 4:10 *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

- b. God's plan for your life is only for **GOOD**, He has your **BEST INTEREST** at heart – Jer. 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. NIV*

- c. We should live for Him because it is the way in which we **WORSHIP** and bring **GLORY** to Him.

Romans 12:1 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship (NIV).*

- d. Living for Him brings His abundant **PROVISION, PROTECTION** and **BLESSING**.

Psalms 91 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

**Conclusion:** God has a powerful purpose designed for your life but that powerful purpose does not just automatically happen. As we have seen in this series, to walk in God's powerful purpose for our lives, we must determine what we are living for, must understand what it is to live for God, how to live for Him and why we should live for Him.

## Questions:

1. What does it mean to me to abide in God's word?
2. How does yielding to the Holy Spirit help me live for God?
3. Why does God want me to live for Him?

# LIVING FOR HIM

## Part 2: The Blessed Life. What are the benefits of living for Him.

### Introduction:

Psalm 103:1-5 *1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits. 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

As we look at the second part of this series, The Blessed Life, we notice here that living for Jesus is a blessed life. A life full of benefits. We are encouraged in scripture not to forget the benefits. **Point:** These are biblical benefits.

#### 1. What are some benefits?

a. We can retain a good memory. Praise the Lord, my soul, and **FORGET NOT** all his benefits. (verse 2)

b. Who **FORGIVES** all your **SINS** (Verse 3)

1. 1 John 1:7 *But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. NLT*

c. And **HEALS** all your **DISEASES**, (Verse 3)

2. Matthew 8:17 *This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases."*

*1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed. NKJV*

d. Who **REDEEMS** your life from the pit and **CROWNS** you with love and compassion, (vrs 4)

1) Another way of putting that is that we are surrounded by Gods favor.

3. Psalm 5:12 *For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.*

4. Genesis 39:2 *The LORD was **WITH** Joseph, so he **SUCCEDED** in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.*

e. Who **SATISFIES** your desires with good things so that your youth is **RENEWED** like the eagle's (verse 5)

5. Romans 14:17 *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. NKJV*

6. Psalms 91:16 *With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."*

7. Job 33:24-26 *24 Then He is gracious to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom'; 25 His flesh shall be young like a child's, He shall return to the days of his youth. 26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness. NKJV*

2. Now all these blessing don't just come automatically into our lives. We have to make a decision, make a choice. What do I mean by that?

a. Deuteronomy 30:19-20 *19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you **LIFE** and death, **BLESSING** and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." NKJV*

Conclusion: God wants you to remember all the benefits that Jesus has

purchased for you with His blood! It is His heart to see you enjoying every single benefit, every single blessing and every single favor from Him in the new covenant of His grace. Forgiveness of sins is yours. Health is yours. Divine protection is yours. Favor is yours. Good things and the renewal of youth are yours! These are all precious gifts from the Lord to you, and it brings Him unspeakable joy when He sees you enjoying these gifts and succeeding in life. Beloved of Christ, don't allow your ignorance to rob you any more of any of His benefits. Find out all about your covenant rights and benefits in Christ today. Each day, remember them and meditate on them, and see His goodness toward you!

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are the biblical blessings that are found in Jesus if you are living for Him?
2. What are the choices God gives us in Deuteronomy 30:19-20?
3. Do you think living for God is a life choice or a death choice?
4. What choice are you going to make right NOW?