



My Best Life

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

I want the perfect life. Don't we all?! The perfect house. The perfect spouse (achieved, thank you!). The perfect kids and grandkids. Job. House. Car. Friends. Church. Day. Trip. And on and on...

When I think about it, don't I deserve it? I'm a good person. I never seek to hurt or ruin anyone. I don't search out ways to be evil or vile. I love Jesus and hate the devil. A perfect life would be a nice reward, don't you think. And if God is my good Father, He would want me to have the perfect life wouldn't He? I mean, what dad wants his children to not have it all?! No struggle. No difficulties. No worries.

Then why don't I? I mean if everything I said above is true I deserve to be rewarded, right? But it's not true. And we all know it. Not just about me but about all of us. If we got what we deserved, perfection would not be what it's called. I sin. I fail too many times. So much so that it is only by the grace of God that I can live in any kind of joy. But I want so bad for the perfect life.

But how do we define the “perfect life”? Perfect for me isn't always what is perfect for my wife, nor yours (substitute husband, ladies). A life that is perfect for me could very well be the worst life for someone else. If it's not up to me, then who gets to define “perfect”?

The Author and Creator does. So how does God define the perfect life? The perfect life, according to God is living in peace and unity with Him. He is in control of all things; sustains them all. That means that if I want the perfect life, I must be connected to God. If He is bringing glory to Himself through all creation, then I must be about that as well. If everything points to Him, then so must I. More than that, I must have a good, fresh relationship with Him. Not just a good luck charm but a Heavenly Father that I am able to have a two-way relationship with.

Perhaps that is what Jesus meant in Matthew 6:33 (see above). When all you want is God, and a full, fresh relationship with Him, temporary things of this world that don't connect with Him become unnecessary and unwanted. Seeking His kingdom and righteousness brings about a depth and height to our relationship with our God and Father, that pleasing Him is all that matters. And when that doesn't bring giddiness to the day, knowing God helps us to understand. And even when we wonder why, knowing God is enough to take the next step in faith.

So if you want the perfect life, stop filling it with temporary things that have little-to-nothing to do with God. Seek your Father, His kingdom and His life (righteousness) and you may find that you are living the perfect life. His perfect life. Give it a try.

From My Heart,

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