

THERE IS MORE TO



LESSON TWO: CARNAL LIFE

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Introduction: What is life all about? People are often pondering the meaning of life. Have you ever wondered what we are doing here? What is our purpose here on this earth? There has got to be more to this life than we realize. For the next few weeks we are going to study about life in four different aspects: natural life, carnal life, spiritual life, and eternal life. In this lesson we will focus on carnal life (world view). Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Foundation of Life

- A. Life must be respected (**Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:21-22**).
- B. Life must be valued (**Job 2:4, Matthew 6:25**).
- C. Life must be protected (**Matthew 10:23, Acts 27:34**).
- D. Life must be sacrificed for Christ (**Matthew 10:39, Luke 14:26, Acts 20:34**).
- E. Life must be sacrificed for our brethren (**John 15:13, Romans 16:4, I John 3:16**).

II. The Frustration of Life

- A. The saints and the wicked will prosper (**Psalms 17:14, Luke 6:24, 16:25**).
- B. The dissatisfied people despise life (**Ecclesiastes 6:12, Job 9:21**).
- C. The discouraged people don't understand (**Romans 8:28, I Corinthians 10:13**).
- D. The over-anxious people do not believe (**Matthew 6:25, Philippians 4:6**).
- E. The confused people want abundance (**Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 12:15**).

III. The Fruitfulness of Life

- A. The saints can have a thankful life (**Genesis 48:15, Psalms 103:4**).
- B. The saints can have a joyful life (**Psalms 128:2, I Timothy 4:8**).
- C. The saints can have a preserved life (**Job 2:6, Acts 18:10, I Peter 3:13**).
- D. The saints can have a protected life (**Job 36:6, Psalms 78:50**).
- E. The saints can avoid the works of the flesh (**Galatians 5:16-23, I John 2:16**).

IV. The Fulfillment of Life

- A. Living in the will of God (**Ecclesiastes 3:12, Romans 12:1-2**).
- B. Living in the service of God (**Luke 1:75, 19:10**).
- C. Living in the work of God (**Romans 14:8, Philippians 1:21**).
- D. Living in the peace of God (**Romans 12:18, I Timothy 2:2**).
- E. Living in the fear of God (**Ecclesiastes 12:13, I Peter 1:17**).

Conclusion: God has a plan for your life! We need to learn more about life God set in motion for us. We should avoid carnal living! God loves you and He wants you to learn your purpose here on earth. There is more to life!