

# **“THE SECRET TO LASTING HAPPINESS”**

## **“The Life You’ve Been Looking For” — Part 1**

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**John 10:10** I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. **(KJV)**

**John 10:10** I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]. **(AMP)**

**John 10:10** I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **(NIV)**

**John 10:10** I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. **(MSG)**

**John 10:10** My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. **(NLT)**

**John 10:10** But I came to give life—life that is full and good. **(ERV)**

### **1. Stop settling for pleasure instead of the life your soul is longing for.**

**Ecclesiastes 2:10–11** <sup>10</sup> Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors.

<sup>11</sup> But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere. **(NLT)**

**Luke 12:15:** “Life is not measured by how much you own.” (NLT)

**John 15:5** “I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit. But separated from me you won’t be able to do anything.” (ERV)

## **2. Start staying connected instead of working harder.**

**John 15:11** I have told you these things so that you can have the true happiness that I have. I want you to be completely happy. (ERV)

**Psalms 16:11** You will teach me the right way to live. Just being with you will bring complete happiness. Being at your right side will make me happy forever. (ERV)

## **3. Trust the gardener - even when it hurts.**

**John 15:1-2** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. He also trims every branch that produces fruit to prepare it to produce even more.” (ERV)

**Hebrews 12:11** No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening - it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. (NLT)

**John 10:10** The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (NLT)