



The Good Life

Description

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Goodness should be the highest object of human desire. When we are at our best we will never want anything evil. The good life is not some namby-pamby kind of existence, but is a life filled with joy and happiness because it shares the highest values. The good life is possible for all of us.

A story is told about Daniel Webster. During his days in the city of Washington the great statesman attended worship regularly in a little rural church outside the city. Some of his colleagues were disturbed about it. They said it lacked prestige. And they asked him why he attended a little church in the sticks when he would be welcome in the most fashionable churches in Washington.

Webster answered that when he attended church in Washington they preached to Daniel Webster, the statesman, but in the little church, they preached to Daniel Webster, the sinner.

If we are honest, we will have to admit that sin finds its place in the lives of all of us. We have failed to live up to our very best. We are not yet the best person it is possible for us to become.

We can have the good life. And the good life is not what some commercials suggest to us—the right beer or the right cigarette or driving the right automobile! The good life is that life which has the goodness of God at its very center. It is the life which recognizes that God has created us for Himself. He has given us a potential which can be fulfilled. We cannot be our best possible selves until we allow Jesus Christ to touch our lives and bring our spirits to fulfillment.

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