

How to Live Large in Jesus Christ

(The keys to living life well are intentionality, discipline, and deferred gratification)

1. Know, love, and serve God your Father with everything you have; pray and read your Bible everyday; worship God with other believers at least once a week

(Deut 6:4-5; 2 Tim 2:15)

2. Forgive quickly and completely

(Matt 6:14; Col 3:13-14)

3. Always speak the truth as you understand it; never go back on your word

(Eph 4:25; Matt 5:37)

4. Do all the good you can for all the people you can

(Eph 2:10; Gal 6:2-10)

5. Spend less than you earn; give generously to those in need

(Matt 6:19-21; 2 Cor 6:9-10)

6. Assume the best about the other guy; be kind

(Phil 4:8; 2 Tim 2:24)

7. Eat mostly foods that God created and drink lots of His water

(Deut 8:6-9; 1 Cor 10:31)

8. Get some exercise everyday

(1 Tim 4:8)

9. Learn to rest; honor a weekly Sabbath

(Ecc 5:12; Ex 20:8-11)

10. Develop deep personal relationships with your family and a handful of friends

(Jn 13:34-35)

11. Don't worry --- take some risks --- be grateful in all circumstances

(Matt 6:25-34; Heb 11:6; Col 3:16)

12. Work hard while you are at work; then leave work at work

(Col 3:23)

13. Don't try to please people; be the person God made you to be

(Josh 24:15; Luke 16:13)

14. Understand that only God and not another human being can make you happy

(Ex 20:3; Ps 97:2)

15. If God's Word says it --- JUST DO IT!

(Jn 14:21; 2 Tim 3:16)

1 Thess 5:16-18 NIV

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Some More Ways to Live Large

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first pay check.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
25. Frame every so-called disaster with these words "In five years, will this matter?".
26. Always choose life.
27. Forgive everyone everything.
28. What other people think of you is none of your business.
29. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
30. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
31. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
32. Believe in miracles.
33. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
34. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
35. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
36. Your children get only one childhood.
37. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
38. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
39. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
40. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
41. The best is yet to come.
42. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
43. Yield.
44. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

