

THE TRULY GOOD LIFE.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: **Psalms 40:1-4.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. When talking with some old friends I asked “How are you doing?”
2. Some answer “Living the good life!”
3. From **Psalm 40:1-4** we see the value of the truly good life.

DISCUSSION: THE GOOD LIFE IS...

I. THE GOOD LIFE IS A SAVED LIFE (VS. 1).

A. A saved life begins with our crying out to the Lord.

B. “I waited patiently...” “I continued to wait.”

1. Prayers sometimes are not answered quickly.
2. God knows what is best for us (**Psalm 37:7; 130:5**).

C. “He heard my cry.”

1. The Psalmist cried out, and the “Lord inclined unto me.”
 - 1) From the context – The cry was for salvation.
 - 2) **Vs. 2** “He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay...”
2. Trust in the Lord (**Isa. 25:8-9; Psalm 37:34**).

II. A SECURE LIFE (2).

A. “... set my feet upon a rock and established my goings.

B. Security is having God in my life (**Psa. 18:1-3, 31, 46**).

C. “My hope is built on nothing less” (**1 Cor. 10:4; Matt. 7:24-25**).

III. THE GOOD LIFE IS A SINGING LIFE (3).

A. “He put a new song in my mouth...”

1. **Psa. 96:1-3.**
2. NOTE what follows this new song...
 - 1) Bless His name: Praise and adore Him.
 - 2) Show forth His salvation: (**Romans 12:1-2**).
 - 3) Declare His glory: Teach the “good news” (**Mark 16:15-16**).

B. We loudly sing Redemption’s Song (**Jer. 20:9; Acts 4:20; 1 Cor. 9:16**).

C. The satisfied life is doing God’s will and telling others.

IV. THE GOOD LIFE IS A SURRENDERED LIFE (4).

A. “... maketh the Lord his trust...”

1. We must give ourselves over to God’s will (**Psa. 34:8**).
2. Whatsoever God desires that will I do!
 - 1) **Phil 2:1-11** (I am to be His servant.)
 - 2) A servant is obedient.

B. We sing “All To Jesus I Surrender” but do we really do that?

1. Think about your life...
2. Have you truly surrendered?

V. CONCLUSION:

A. The good life is A SAVED LIFE, A SECURE LIFE, A SINGING LIFE and A SECURE LIFE.

B. The good life will prepare me for judgment!