



“THE SECRET TO LIFE”

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For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6 (NASB)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly.
John 10:10 (NASB)

The Secret to Abundant Life:

I. Its source is _____.

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.
Philippians 4:10–14 (NASB)

“Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”
Luke 12:15 (NASB)

II. It is built on _____.

You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.
Philippians 4:15–17 (NASB)

III. _____.

But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:18–20 (NASB)

POINT: _____.



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Something to take home and chew on!

- 1. Where do you find what you are looking for in life?** Where are you seeking your abundant life? Have you discovered the secret to abundant living? Have you experienced life and strength as a gift of Christ and not something you earn or possess in yourself?

- 2. What does “giving and receiving” look like in your life?** What does it mean to you to be a receiver of grace? What does it mean to be a giver of grace?

- 3. What would it look like for you to have an abundant life?** What is one step you can take toward living in abundance? How would you live if you knew that you could do all things through Christ's grace?

ANSWER KEY:

- I. **CHRIST, NOT STUFF**
- II. **GIVING AND RECEIVING**
- III. **IT PLEASES GOD AND OTHERS.**

Point: **YOUR BEST LIFE IS NOT SOMETHING YOU EARN OR DESERVE, BUT IT IS A GIFT YOU RECEIVE.**