

Lifelines

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Topic: Life is a constant "going further."

The Call of Life © 2026 by Dr. Ed Jordan

What do you think of when you think of "the good life?" Having a beautiful house? A healthy family? Having plenty of money? Achieving your life goals? Acquiring status or fame? While all of those things are noteworthy, and perhaps byproducts of a life busily lived, are all these things really something that in your older years can be describe a life that is still active and growing?

How can you tell that an animal is alive? Watch it and see if it moves. Some of the most unhappy people in the world are those who have accomplished all their self-chosen goals, and who seem to have all they need, so they become unfocused and lethargic.

Being alive means continually moving, growing, exploring, and engaging new scenarios and unexpected challenges. Life is not static; life is actively engaging with its surroundings and opportunities. Life is continually learning new things, both information and skills. Our life impacts other lives.

In Genesis 12:1-2 (NIV), we read: "The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." God instructed Abraham: "Go from your past and present situation, and go to the land or life I will show to you. As you do this, I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name/character great." Go be a blessing to the world.

These promises are very concrete regarding Abram's physical life. Leave the present to go into the future. Leave your nuclear family and I will make you the Father of many nations of families. Leave the secure known to go to a seemingly insecure unknown. They are also true in His spiritual life, and the spiritual blessing he became to others.

But the call is really a call to enter into a trusting relationship with God, trusting God to be your God, to lead you, to provide for you, to give you success and blessings. Yet the ultimate goal of the call was to be a blessing to others. This is the call of life, and the call to life. We are not here to hunker down and withdraw from challenges. We are here to follow God into what He has planned for us. God's call is not just about a place; it's about becoming the person God wants you to become, and impacting the people God calls you to impact.

God is in the character-making business, and in the business of making each believer to become a "blessor" of others, a person who positively impacts others. One day we will discover that the true wealth and rewards we will experience in Heaven are the ways our life, our character, and interactions blessed the lives of others.

So how do we daily live to become a blessing to others? God is the Lord of life, the giver and sustainer of life. We can't truly live unless we are continually connected to God, who is life. Jesus came to bring us forgiveness, so that we can daily live life with a clean slate. When Jesus was discussing His coming departure in John 14:1-6, He told the disciples that they now knew the way to where Jesus was going. Thomas in frustration basically said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't even know

where you are going, so how can we know the way to get there?” Jesus responded in John 14:6 (CSB): “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

When we enter into a living relationship with Jesus, we have eternal life. So each day is lived in interaction with Jesus. Christ living in you and me, is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). Jesus daily guides us to grow spiritually. This is the call of God, to live our lives indwelt by Jesus, and on behalf of Jesus continually be blessing others with the goodness of God.

Have you responded to the call of life to actively live your life under the direction and power of God, who is the source and essence of life? Are you living your life moment by moment to bless others, as Christ lives in and through you to impact them? Is your life a continuous journey of a life that engages others with the life and love of God? Or has your life become stagnant, unfocused, and hampered by distractions and unworthy goals?

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