

## Making It A Wonderful Life

It's A Wonderful Life #1 of 3

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**My life can be wonderful...**

### 1. When I put others first.

If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live. **Mark 8:35 (TLB)**

Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves ... Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life. **1 Timothy 6:17-19 (MSG)**

### 2. When I resist temptation.

Don't be impatient for the Lord to act! Keep traveling steadily along his pathway and in due season he will honor you with every blessing, and you will see the wicked destroyed. <sup>35-36</sup> I myself have seen it happen: a proud and evil man, towering like a cedar of Lebanon, but when I looked again, he was gone! I searched but could not find him! But the good man—what a different story! For the good man—the blameless, the upright, the man of peace—he has a wonderful future ahead of him. For him there is a happy ending. **Psalm 37:34-37 (TLB)**

So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here. **1 Peter 1:6 (TLB)**

### 3. When I am willing to do the ordinary things right where I am.

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. **Romans 12:1-2a (MSG)**

### 4. When I commit my life to God.

How wonderful are the good things you keep for those who honor you!  
**Psalm 31:19a (GNT)**

Hallelujah! Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear God, who cherish and relish his commandments, their children robust on the earth, and the homes of the upright—how blessed! Their houses brim with wealth and a generosity that never runs dry. Sunrise breaks through the darkness for good people—God's grace and mercy and justice! The good person is generous and lends lavishly; no shuffling or stumbling around for this one, but a sterling and solid and lasting reputation. Unfazed by rumor and gossip, heart ready, trusting in God, Spirit firm, unperturbed, ever blessed, relaxed among enemies, they lavish gifts on the poor—a generosity that goes on, and on, and on. An honored life!  
A beautiful life! **Psalm 112:1-9 (MSG)**

A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. **John 10:10 (MSG)**

That is why whoever accepts and trusts the Son gets in on everything, life complete and forever! **John 3:36a (MSG)**

Your old sin-loving nature was buried with him by baptism when he died; and when God the Father, with glorious power, brought him back to life again, you were given his wonderful new life to enjoy. **Romans 6:4 (TLB)**

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