

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Job 42:17

"So Job died, being old and full of days." Job 42:17

The goal of living is not to live a long life so much as it is to live a full life – a life that has honoured and pleased the Lord – a life that has blessed all those we knew and loved – a life that has left its mark; a mark for good on the lives of others – a life that has obeyed God.

The world's thinking is summed up in the popular car bumper sticker, "He who dies with the most toys; wins!" People really don't believe this, but it is what most people are continually, relentlessly, striving toward.

We all will face death unless we are that generation that will step over to the other side at Jesus' coming. Our goal then should be to live a life pleasing to the Lord and to live with the intent of living big. "I have come to give you life and life more abundantly." (John 10:10). One translation says, "I have come to give you life until it overflows."

Overflowing life! Can we really live in such a way? Can such life really be experienced this side of heaven?

Ask Abraham, of whom the Scriptures say he "died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years." (Genesis 25:6). Or what of King David who, "after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep..." (Acts 13:36) And of Paul we read, "For I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith..." (2 Timothy 4:6-7).

Are you living a full life? How could you live your live more fully, more abundantly?

Don't wait, make plans and start today?!

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