

ABUNDANT LIFE
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INTRODUCTION:

1. Suppose I said I can offer you a life guaranteed to give you joy beyond words, blessings untold, the assurance of everlasting glory and peace beyond understanding. Would you be interested?
2. I can't guarantee this and neither can any of the 8747 false gods known worldwide.
3. I know someone who can. **JOHN 10:10**
 - A. Satan comes to crush hopes, shatter dreams and wreak havoc with human lives.
 - B. Jesus came to make abundant life available to anyone who would believe in Him. Did he succeed?
4. Through His teachings we can learn certain keys to living an abundant life, many being found in **JOHN 15**.

SIX KEYS TO ABUNDANT LIFE

1. Fruit bearing is the first key. **GENESIS 1:28**
 - A. Our life's purpose is to bear fruit. Jesus also spoke of the importance of being a fruit bearing branch in the vine. **JOHN 15:1-5**
 - **ROMANS 1:13** – Winning souls to Christ.
 - **ROMANS 15:28** – Helping others.
 - **2 PETER 1:5-8** – Developing Christ like character.
 - **HEBREWS 13:15** – Sacrificing continual praise.
 - B. The benefits of fruit bearing include:
 - **3 JOHN 4** – Joy beyond words for winning souls.
 - **ACTS 20:35** – Blessings untold for helping others.
 - **2 PETER 1:8-11** – Assurance of everlasting glory. For developing character.
 - **PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7** – Peace beyond understanding. For being thankful.
2. The key to fruit bearing is abiding.
 - A. Jesus used the word abide nine times. **JOHN 15:4-10**
 - Abide means to stay connected and draw fruit bearing life from the vine.
 - Severed from the vine, we can do nothing.
 - B. Abiding in Christ is what empowers us.
 - **PHILIPPIANS 4:13** – Paul was empowered to do all things.
 - **EPHESIANS 1:18-20** – He wants us to know the same power.
 - **1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11 (NLT)** – Power to transform lives.
 - **ROMANS 8:15-18, 35-39** – Power to conquer.
3. The key to abiding is obeying.
 - A. Obeying His commandments we:
 - **JOHN 15:10a** – Abide in His love.
 - **JOHN 15:14** – Become His friends.
 - **1 JOHN 3:24** – Abide in Him.
 - B. Abiding through obeying principle.
 - **JOHN 15:10b** – Governed Jesus' relationship with the Father.
 - **1 JOHN 2:3-6** – Abiding and obeying work together.
 - **ISAIAH 1:18-20** – Was taught in Israel.

CONCLUSION: If we truly desire the abundant life Jesus offers, we must understand the keys that open the door for us to experience it. Fruit bearing, abiding and obeying are the first three. There are three that we'll discuss next week.