

**1st John # 32**

**“Living as Jesus did”**

***1st John 2:6***

**We were born unequal with varying natural abilities; we live unequally and we’ll die in inequality.**

**There’s a fantastic reason that God has made us unequal and it’s so we can all come to appreciate what true happiness is.**

***True happiness can belong to the rich or poor, smart or not so smart, successful or unsuccessful, talented or untalented; to all categories of people in life.***

**God has provided a unique system for lasting happiness but Satan doesn’t have any such system.**

**The only place where any equality can exist for man is in something invented by God called salvation.**

**If the Word of God is not our #1 priority, there’s no way we’re going to achieve anything in life that remotely relates to happiness.**

**We can achieve what the world would consider great things and still be miserable.**

***A powerful secret of life is to achieve, attain and possess and through it all, be truly happy from capacity in the soul and that’s impossible unless we have biblical truth resident in our souls, ready for use.***

**Our love for God grows when we spend time learning, meditating on and applying His Word.**

**By this process, we come to know who God is and then we can understand the depths of His grace and all that He does for us, resulting in greater appreciation for His love; 1 John 4:19 *We love because He first loved us.***

***As we understand the depths of His love for us, our love for Him is brought to completion or maturity.***

**If we’re not motivated from our own soul and what we know about God’s Word and our motivation depends on other people; we have no momentum of our own because we have no motivation of our own.**

**We are free as members of the royal family of God but we still have certain obligations to choose our responsibilities over our freedom as our Lord so often did.**

**Our duty and obligation to God and His plan is our responsibility to demonstrate an unseen relationship with Jesus Christ by living and functioning in the plan of God.**

***We are royal family of God so we should act like it and have some class which often involves switching from personal to impersonal love when necessary.***

**The comparison is to the function of our Lord as Head of the royal family of God, King of kings and Lord of lords and His function in the plan of God demonstrated His royalty.**

**TLJC had class and we have the same powerful plan and the same opportunity to demonstrate His class in us.**

**Living by depending on the Holy Spirit is following in the footsteps of the humanity of Christ and being filled or influenced by the Holy Spirit is how Jesus lived and faced every temptation and opposition.**

**Today, fellowship with fellow believers too often has priority over fellowship with Jesus Christ and this can cause us to have wrong priorities through interaction with confused believers in which the weak control the strong.**

**Christian fellowship is a distraction from the Word of God through preoccupation with friendship or romance when it becomes the basis for legalism through association with legalists and lawlessness through association with promiscuous believers.**

***Some use Christian fellowship to pacify loneliness without ever solving the problem of loneliness.***

**If we don't put God first, our relationships with people in any realm will be a mess and will have no spiritual significance.**