



# L.E.A.N. Letter

## "Living The GREAT Life" ©

The average person has many definitions as to what living a GREAT life entails...nice cars, plenty of money, top-of-the line clothing, family gatherings, traveling/entertainment, good jobs/success, and the list goes on. There are a vast supply of books and world-renowned speakers to even coach on the subject. But, is this kind of GREAT even real, and does it hold any merit when it comes to living a life in Christ Jesus? Putting aside the issue of being right, wrong, good, or bad, the only Counselor to consult on this matter is Jesus. It is through His good and perfect Word (2 Timothy 3:16) that GREATness, according to Him, is revealed.

### THE GREAT LIFE...ACCORDING TO JESUS

Jesus is not concerned about the world. He, Himself, said that He did not come to pray for the world (John 17:9)...meaning that He didn't come for everyone living in the world. So to be GREAT in the eyes of Jesus has nothing to do with the things of this world either. Being GREAT to Jesus has everything to do with that in which He says is GREAT, and there are only two ways to accomplish this while living on this earth:

#### The GREAT Commandment:

(Before the death of Jesus):

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39)

(After the death of Jesus):

"And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us" (1 John 3:23).

#### The GREAT Commission:

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

(Note: Although obediently fulfilling these two GREAT areas in your walk with Jesus Christ, living the GREAT life does not ensure you will live a life without difficulties and/or challenges, or even a life of comfort. In fact, trials and obstacles must be part of your journey with Jesus. Trials are to be considered "pure joy" in your spiritual heart (James 1:2).)

### LIVING THE GREAT LIFE...A SIMPLE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

There are always going to be a vast list of "to do's" that the human mind will attempt to persuade the spiritual heart as being necessary components to live a GREAT life in Jesus. However, to live a GREAT life in Jesus, here is a checklist of (9) key "ingredients" that when mixed together with the GREAT things Jesus calls His people to do, will lead to a path of success:

- ✓ Living the GREAT Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40 and 1 John 3:23).
- ✓ Fulfilling the GREAT Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Ensuring your salvation and the salvation of others (through Romans 10:9).
- Ensuring that you have a "clear conscience towards God" through baptism (1 Peter 3:21).
- Seeking a REAL-ationship (a real relationship) with Jesus Christ.
- Standing in the power of Jesus' NAME (Mark 16:17).
- Seeking daily transformation through mind renewal and not conforming to the patterns of the world (Romans 12:2).
- Loving the Lord by having a committed heart of obedience to Jesus and His Word (John 14:23).
- Believing that ALL things are possible through the NAME of Jesus Christ (Matthew 19:26).
- BE PREPARED to be used by the Lord anywhere and at any time!

Now, enjoy your success for "Living the GREAT Life" in Jesus Christ's name!

~ These inspired words are intended to strengthen the body of Christ so that we can eliminate spiritual obesity (unnecessary confusion and distraction), and to set ourselves apart from the world so that we can stand out as the mighty warriors we are called to be In Jesus' name!  
(These inspired messages/teachings are never to substitute the pure Word of God found in The Holy Bible.) ~

May you be blessed, and may you "Live L.E.A.N. (Loving Everyone As Neighbors)...Live Long!"

~Scripture passages are cited using the NIV Holy Bible.~