

## **The Abundant Life #4 The More You Know Deeper Learning**

Hebrews 4:12 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Timothy 3:16 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

- Righteousness means “Right Living”.

**Deeper Learning-** Buzz word. Computers comparing massive amounts of data to begin to think like humans. They are capable of utilizing multiple layers of information simultaneously in order to find an answer to a question.

This is a relatively new term used by those in things like Speech recognition software development or robotic engineering or the internet searches.

- Has anyone noticed how smart Google is?
- It's getting a little scary actually.
- Have you ever wondered how it is that you can put just a few words into Google and it will usually produce exactly what it is that you are looking for?
- In milliseconds?
- Out of literally trillions of pieces of information and innumerable possibilities, it knows exactly what you are looking for.
- Even if you misspell a few of the words.

How does it do that?

- Software and I mean on a large scale has been in place for years now that is capable of thinking for itself.
- What we call artificial intelligence is no longer artificial.

No single human being could ever do the work that Google's Deep Learning Algorithms do in a given search even if they had years to do it.

- But Google makes that decision in milliseconds.
- It looks at massive amounts of data and searches all of it at the same instance in order to give you a result.

This is called Deep Learning.

David said, **Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**

See, we're talking about The Abundant Life.

- Jesus said in John 10:10, that He came to give us Life and that more Abundantly.

What we know about life is that it is made up of the results of the choices we make.

- We choose who we are going to like or who we are going to love
- We choose where we are going to live,
- Where we will go to school.
- Who we are going to do business with
- Or who we will work for.

Every choice we make has a result – or a consequence if I may.

- These results or consequences to a large degree most often decide for us whether we are going to live an Abundant Life or a **not so** Abundant Life.

Sadly, too many people who believe in and love Jesus Christ are living below the level of par when it comes to The Abundant Life that Jesus has prepared for them.

- This is due in great measure to the results of their decisions.

We think at times that Jesus is our Spiritual Santa Clause...

- who is going to send all these goodies our way...
- whether we've been bad or good – all because of grace.

But that's not really how it works.

- It really is all about the decisions we make.

Now we've all made some bad decisions that really messed things up in our lives...

- To the point that we would say, "This is **not** The Abundant Life".
- We've all been there,
- You are not alone.

But we've also made some right decisions in our lives.

- It may be who we decided to marry.
- Or a career path we took.
- Or a business venture that we launched.
- I know that my decision in 1981 to go to church for the first time with a friend from school, was the best decision of my life.

What we are looking for in our lives is **Life More Abundantly**.

- That what Jesus came to give us.
- I need to let you know right here, that **Life More Abundantly** doesn't happen spontaneously or unexpectedly.
- It happens over a period of time and multiple correct decisions that ultimately bring **God's blessings** into our life.

I think a trip to the altar to repent and pray and make some things right with God is needful to do once in a while.

- But that alone is not going to bring **Life More Abundantly**.

If **The Abundant Life** to you means a good paying job that you enjoy doing...

- Then that might mean that you are going to have to prepare yourself to be employable by an organization that does what you want to do and can pay you what you want to get paid.
- That might mean a decision to go back to college.

- That might mean a decision to work somewhere as an intern.
- But see in order for that to happen you are going to have to make some informed decisions.

And whether it's a job,

- or a spouse
- or a house
- or any other decision,
- we cannot leave out the work of God's Holy Spirit...
- as we make decisions that ultimately guide and steer our lives.

Scientists tell us that...

- "Our brains appear wired in ways that enable us, often unconsciously, to make the best decisions possible with the information we're given.
- In simplest terms, the process is organized like a court trial.
- Sights, sounds, and other sensory evidence are entered and registered in sensory circuits in the brain.
- Other brain cells act as the brain's "jury," compiling and weighing each piece of evidence.
- When the accumulated evidence reaches a critical threshold, a judgment — a decision — is made.

So like Google, our brains can only make informed decisions.

- Other words, they make the best decisions possible with the information they are given.
- So the question is, what is the information that we are feeding our brains.

Now I'd like to make this all sound very spiritual,

- but as we've already said, Life is about choices – decisions.
- Make a good choice, have a good life.
- Make a bad choice, have a bad life.
- It really is that simple.

But Jesus said that He came to give us life and that more abundantly.

- So how does this happen?

- It happens when we put into here, (Brains)...
- the information that is needed for us to make the kind of decisions that bring blessing into our lives instead of trouble.

Psalm 119:16 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

TV is entertainment.

- That's all it is.
- So if you are only feeding your brain TV, then that's what your brain is going to be full of and desire. – to be entertained.
- Did we come to church today to be entertained or to be fed?

Proverbs 30:5 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>5</sup> Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Unlike Google, you can trust what is in God's Word.

- It is pure. Look at that,
- “He is shield unto them that put their trust in Him.”

I would like to tell you that the once you are baptized in Jesus precious name that you are never going to make another bad decision.

- I would like to tell you that from the moment that He fills you with His Holy Spirit that you are going to live the Abundant Life because from that moment on, you are going to make perfect decisions.
- You won't.

You will live according to your decisions

- And your decisions will need the help of God's Word and His Holy Spirit if they are going to be decisions that bring either blessing or curses into your life.

Psalm 119:105 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>105</sup> Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

- Look at that – “A light unto my path.”
- See all of us are on a path here this morning.
- We can fill our minds with all kinds of stuff,
- But the more of God’s Word that we know, the brighter the path is going to get for us.
- We’ll make a lot better decisions if we can see what the path looks like.
- And better decisions mean, **Life More Abundantly**.

See, if we get His Word into our hearts and minds, we can think for ourselves and not believe the lies the enemy puts in our path.

- “Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee.”

**Algorithms** – “A process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations,”

- It’s a formula for decision making.
- But without lots of data, it cannot make a decision.
- And without the correct information, it cannot give an intelligent answer.

We can’t just read and learn one little piece of God’s word and say that we know all that we need to know to be successful in our relationship with Jesus.

- We need to be “Ever learning” so we can allow Algorithms to begin to operate in our hearts and minds spiritually.
  - This allows God to speak to you through His word.
  - If you only knew one scripture. “Jesus Wept”
  - Then all you know about God is that He’s a crybaby.
  - You’ll make a doctrine and religion out of God crying – why?
  - Because that is all you know about God.

Now add to “Jesus Wept” to Jesus saying, “Judge Not”

- Now your knowledge of God has expanded to understand that Jesus does not want us to judge one another and that He is emotional.
- “Hey, now we are growing!”

So then we learn another scripture...

- And another
- And another
- And the more we learn about Him and His Word the more we understand.
- And the **Deeper our Learning** becomes where eventually, algorithms or good decision making begin to play out in our understanding of living for God.

Soon choices about how we live our lives become very simple because our minds begin to join together pieces of information (knowledge) about God and His Word.

- Temptation to sin gets harder and harder as algorithms begin to play out in our minds regarding God's word.
- "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee"

See abundant life doesn't just happen.

- It happens because we are applying His Word to our lives and allowing the promises of His Word to have a positive effect in our lives.

People sometimes think of Jesus like He's Santa Clause.

- Bringing a bunch of blessings in a big spiritual bag or something.
- But the blessings happen as a natural result of our daily living for God in such a way that good things can naturally come to us.

Be a thief and you will not have a good job for long.

- But be faithful to your employer as you would be to God and you will not only keep your job...
- but you will also get promoted.
- Maybe to the point of running the place some day.
- Or even owning it...

Did you know there are scriptures that teach this?

Lie to everyone about everything and they won't trust you.

- You would think people would understand this...
- but not everyone does – apparently.

- So this is why we need to get the Word down in our hearts.
- SO we'll stop lying, and people will trust us...
- and if they trust us...
- Blessings can flow through them to us.

We could talk about a thousand different things and I can show you where everyone of those things is mentioned in the Bible.

- But we can't know these truths if we don't get His Word into our minds.
- **Deep Learning**
- Not a shallow experience
- But something that will create blessings in our lives.

Abundant life

- Not just enough to get by.
- But learning about God and His Word that will bring about Abundance in our lives.