

The Road To Abundant Life



Greetings my friend in the mighty name of Jesus. For many years now God has been telling me to write a book about his truths, my experiences with him and to share them with other Christians so you the born again believer can also have the same abundant life that we have been enjoying for so long. No, I am no better than you, I am just a man. But I have found my place in God's plan, learned who I am in Christ, seen how he works on our behalf and have learned that anyone can also use this same power and authority to change their life into something wonderful. God called me to be his Son and the instrument of his will when I was 24 years old. Praise God! Since that time he has given me many wonderful gifts like my beautiful wife Marie.

The road to abundant life is not hard if you know the truth about God and his word. But without this truth your life will fail and never improve. This book will give you the truth. Many of you have questions about God and the Bible that are not being answered truthfully because most churches have been brain washed by the media and without truth you won't get any results when you pray and later you may just except your fate and give up trying. This is sad for the born again Christian needs to be trained to know their God personally but most Bible schools fail miserably teaching the truth because they don't know the truth themselves. Now God says you have all power and authority in and through Jesus and all of his righteousness, but most Christians don't believe this and live with a down trodden attitude, are always broke, afraid, sick, worried, and fearful, wondering why nothing seems to work. The reasons for this are because they have been indoctrinated, believing in superstitious wives tales such as luck or what they see on television, read in secular books, and listening to what their friends say is alright to do and believe instead to what God says. They want to be excepted by the majority which is always wrong. God loves us but he is not pleased with this kind of thinking. So he patently waits on us to discover this new abundant life through Him and his word. God wants to move in your life but he can't go against his own spiritual laws.

Our Father God in Heaven is a good Father and does <u>only good</u> every day, never evil, or he would not be a God worth worshiping. He also <u>never</u> changes his mind. He loves to help those who <u>choose</u> to believe him, seek him, love him, and obey him trying the best that they can by faith. So if you are not happy it's not God's fault. How you view this, what you do to apply God's word into your life, and it's value is entirely up to you. It doesn't matter what country you live in or it's economy, God has <u>no</u> favorites, and nothing is impossible for him, or for you.

If you have received Jesus into your heart then you are a new creation predestined for greatness and blessings, as God has said. But are you tying God's hands with your beliefs? This book will show you what changes you need to make to put your life in order so that God can help you. Your Heavenly Father wants you to have fun and be happy in this life. So if you have failed it's only for lack of knowledge. Please read our book with an open non judgmental heart and ask God to illuminate your mind so you will discover who you really are and what has been made ready for you. Make your life count for the Kingdom of God for we won't be this way again. The good we do in our lives now will echo through eternity. I believe a man should leave behind something more than just a tombstone stuck in the dirt.

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Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph 6:13-17

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

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Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Biblical Common Sense

The biggest obstacle to believing and receiving from God is Family and Religious Traditions. These handed down generational beliefs have misguided peoples minds and has hardened their hearts keeping them from knowing the real truth. It has also kept people from advancing in life spiritually, mentally and technologically for thousands of years. Traditions are a form of brain washing making you believe something is true because you heard it from someone you looked up to and believed in. The God of the Bible is not involved in any religion, rituals or traditions that you see today. What your Mom and Dad or Grandma and Grandpa, priest, guru or holy man may have told you may not be the truth. You must know the truth if it is to set you free and draw you closer to God. The Lord told me many years ago to examine what I believed then find it in his word. If I couldn't find it in scripture then I shouldn't believe it is true. What God wants you to know here is, as you read this book please be willing to listen, and change your thinking and cast down vain imaginations and all old religious and traditional nonsense you have been taught that just doesn't work to improve your life. Open your mind and be ready for a new spiritual revelation of knowledge and truth so you can know and receive from your God. He has been waiting on each generation to realize this truth about Him as your Father so that you can know him personally and become the blessed of God and the person he intended for you to be. For he has a long term plan for your life to be wonderful, without fear, worry, sickness or lack in anything. Once you understand how he operates in this world your doubts and fears will vanish forever and you will become a positive, powerful child of God.

God has said: "choose this day whom you will serve." Joshua 24:14-24. God must be first in your life not your family, job, possessions, money or friends. God is a jealous God. We are speaking spirit beings and have our own free wills to choose between right and wrong. God says that we must decide to be loyal to either what the majority says, or what He says. You can not play both sides and get good results. In Genesis it says that Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. That is what God wants from you right now a loving relationship with him not a religion.

God wants you to live a long, fun, happy life with perfect health, a sound mind, plenty of resources, Angelic protection and to have a new family of friends. People of integrity you can count on to be there to pray with you and help you when bad times come, and they will come from time to time. You must then know who you are in Christ Jesus so you will be strong, and able to stand without worry or fear.

No, God does not put these bad times on us to test us. They are a result of our own doing and our ignorance to his word and satan knows this, but do you? Being born again does not automatically cause God's blessings to just fall on you like rain. There are legalities, rules, procedures and protocols in the throne room of Heaven that must first be met. You do have rights as a believer given to you by Jesus. But what you believe, then speak each day, and act on either gives God's Angels the right to help you, or you give satan the right to destroy you. See Job 1-2. So you must constantly be aware of this. To me the word **Bible** means: Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth. We were sent here for a purpose and being here is a one time opportunity. Not just to see how much wealth we can acquire but to be a witness to God's goodness. But if your not experiencing God's blessings you can't be a witness, can you? So you need to take a stand and make some changes.

Lets get to the title of this chapter. *Biblical Common Sense*. This is not the same thing as wisdom and knowledge. But these are all qualities everyone must have if your going to make it in this world. I have met many smart, religious, church going people with great acquired knowledge but they had no common sense, faith, or a desire to love God or his word. I have also met people with a simple humble mind that really loved God and understood what God wanted from them for you could see it in how they would aggressively stand up for God, never compromising his word in their everyday lives. God's word is our guide to a precious life and to Him if we will put truth first. I have seen many people's lives completely changed in just one years time. It's incredible to see what God can do when people choose to take him at his word and then they act on it. So having common sense and knowing God personally is more valuable than having wisdom and knowledge but you will be the wisest person of all if you seek diligently after all 3, always asking God to open and enlighten your mind to <u>all</u> truths.

So what is common sense exactly? Well you know if you hold your finger over a lit candle you will burn your finger. If you spend more money than you earn you will become poor. So you don't do these things. I have been a vocational teacher and have offered very valuable knowledge to some people that had little or no skill, but they only casually studied, not trying their best to learn, not realizing it could make them rich in due time in every way. This is exactly how most people value and listen to God's word which is why they never receive anything better.

Some people have eyes but do not see, ears but do not hear, a sound mind but don't learn. Listen and apply the wonderful parables of Jesus in the New Testament and the examples of the Apostles, the followers of Jesus. The boldness of David facing Goliath, the faith of Abraham, the loyalty and forgiveness of Joseph. Yes, God still speaks to people today and stands ready to act mightily for any believer who truly wants him to be in their lives, not just when their in trouble. You can't use God, so don't even try. Every wonderful invention or technology we have came from our God. These were all God's ideas, not man's. He chose this century to reveal all this to us. God will whisper to you in a still, soft, spoken voice in your mind like a conscience and he will reveal wonderful ideas on how to accomplish things if you learn to listen for his voice. I have experienced this many times and what he tells me always works and has never failed to amaze me. God has set up this world and has designed it, and you to live here a certain way and when you violate his design your life will go right down the toilet as we say in America. But when you listen to God's words and decide to change your attitude by your own choices to build honor, integrity, honesty, self respect, and discipline into yourself then choose to love God's instruction and follow the teachings of Jesus, then your life will certainly improve every day. For God will see this in you and He will whisper into the ears of those around you for your benefit to give you what you have dreamed about. For in due time you will have God's trust and he will know what he can send your way and trust you with so that you will use it properly with godly common sense, wisdom and good judgment, not foolishly, greedily or in vain throwing pearls to swine. This is how you change your life.

Everyday we feed ourselves a lot of junk from Radio, Television, Magazines and the News media that is corrupting our minds, indoctrinating us into a world religion. There are TV preachers that are really wolves in sheep's clothing that are just tickling our ears. I call them feel good preachers. They don't always preach the truth but mix in lies twisting God's word to suite them. You need to be the master of your mind and fill yourself with the word of God daily so you can know these lies. It doesn't matter how you see yourself, God knows what you can be. He made you for a purpose in this life and He will give you everything you need abundantly if you demonstrate your true thankfulness by seeking him diligently and by loving other Christians as you do yourself, as Jesus said to do.

Choosing Relationships

The Bible says: a mans worst enemies will be found in his own home. Oh yes, friends, brothers, sisters even children can betray you if given the right temptation especially in this time of history where most people have become lovers of themselves and money, boasting what they have. Choosing the right friends can be a gamble. People will flatter you with words, put their arm around you, tell you they love you but do they really? A true friend will make personal sacrifices to keep your friendship. They will be there for you in times of need. Life will teach you some very good lessons. You can get over any hurt in time if you want to. My parents and two wives I loved suddenly died with no warning. That's how life is sometimes. But I never blamed God but trusted him and I always knew that this hurt would all pass in due time and everything would be wonderful again.

Choosing friends, a wife or husband should always be brought before the throne of God in prayer asking him if this is someone you should give your heart to in friendship or love. Never date or even consider in marriage a non believer as your asking for big trouble which could permanently destroy your future. No, you can't get them saved later, so just forget it. Also don't date, marry or trust someone just because they are saved either as their relationship with God is the real issue you must carefully consider first. Marry someone that loves God more than they do you and you will have a great marriage. The best advice God will say to you is to wait, be patient and careful, don't give your love or trust to any person to readily. Just watch and listen to how they treat others. If God's word is truly in their heart you will see wonderful acts of self sacrifice, selfless generosity to others, kindness with no judgmental words. How they view and treat others is a demonstration to you what you can expect. But never give your loyalty over God since he has said: "let no man become your master." Never betray God for someone or something you want. That is clearly treason which will put your future on hold for a long time. You could make a mistake so serious that even God can't get you out of it.

Money and Finances

Lets face it we all need money if were going to accomplish anything and live on this planet.. But ask your heart if you love money more than people. If you do your heart has become hard. I became rich during my life but I continued to live very modestly as not to make anyone envious or jealous. When I learned the correct way to pray and ask in faith and then patiently waited for God's answers, he gave me all I needed abundantly. But be careful you can loose friends and all you have if you allow the money to have you. Money is just a tool that we use. We all think money will fix everything but it won't. Money is limited in what it will do.

First of all it won't satisfy your greedy heart or solve all your personal problems and give you perfect health and a lasting peace, real friends or a long life. In fact it will cause more heartaches, disappointments and problems than you can possibly imagine.

Believe me I have been there and have done that, so I know what I am talking about here. But I know you don't believe this, do you?

We as God's children need to be good stewards of our finances always paying our debts on time and being a person of our word with honesty, honor and generosity as our Heavenly Father is. For he is watching and listening to us, as are other people. We need to be more like Jesus for when we do, people will be attracted to us and opportunities will open for us. I have seen that if God entrusts to you a lot of possessions or money and you abuse it, you will then begin to loose it very fast as he won't allow you anything that will separate you from him. He loves you too much and he is very jealous of your love for anything other than him. So just consider these thoughts carefully and be careful what you pray for, you may get it.

Well the Bible says in many places that God will prosper you by everything you set your hands to. So you need a job or a business. I would obtain as much knowledge as possible in what ever type of job you wish to pursue. Ask God to help you decide what you would be good at. Age doesn't matter here. The internet has mountains of free information on anything you wish to learn. You must first develop excellent work ethics if you want to be noticed. I was a IT Technician, Welder and Truck Driver during my life as that's where the big money was at that time and I was able to save away 65% of my pay for many years but also, giving to godly charities that spread the Gospel which, I carefully checked on. God then gave me a nice house, great vehicles, and all the toys any man could ever want.

Then I began to pray for a born again Christian wife to share all this with. I was very specific in what I wanted in a wife. I also had a prayer list of people I had known during my life that I prayed for often. Well God answered everyone of my prayers with Yes so there is no reason at all why you can't have the same thing by applying God's principles since I am just a man, no better than you. But I know who I am being born again in Christ Jesus. I have built this into my mind and heart which has totally changed my attitude. Now all of God's goodness chases after me.

Never allow anything to become your god as I have known friends that received a lot of money but five years later they had lost it and everything that was precious to them. Their family, friends, sound mind, health and all they owned. They allowed the money to become their god and their trust. They stopped having faith in God becoming a traitor. They became arrogant and proud thinking they were better than their friends and so satan was allowed to come in and take all they had. You think you wouldn't do this, right? Wrong. It takes a tremendous amount of discipline and courage to avoid these sinful temptations. It's not that easy. God is always watching you. You must first prove yourself trust worthy and you must learn to be thankful by your actions as then it gives him the desire and the right to give you much more. I chose to spread the Gospel for God since I learned to Love Him.

I always carried **Chick Publication** tracts with me and gave them to anyone that would read them. They are the best you will find and bring wonderful results. To receive from God you must take a stand for God and what he wants first. Then God will deny you nothing when you pray. You will have everything that's good

Divine Health

Having good health is a matter of obeying what God's word says. Sanitation are Biblical laws many people ignore. Cleanliness of our bodies, utensils and homes avoiding bacteria and viruses when possible. Yes, I have seen people miraculously healed but we also need to do our part. If you have a problem with alcohol, drugs, obesity or uncontrollable urges and feelings don't feel condemned over it as these are just bad habits. In due time God will help you be rid of these. Ask him for help then don't feel ashamed as God will be there with you, to help you, every step of the way since we all make big mistakes. None of us are exempt from this. Remember this: You are perfect through Jesus. Your a work in progress for Gods glory. Ignorance can always be fixed, but stupidity lasts forever.

There are natural elements like Ceylon Cinnamon, Ginseng, vitamin B and Calcium, fruits and vegetables that God designed to keep us healthy. But many of us eat rare meat, raw clams, oysters or fast foods. No wonder people die young. We must treat our bodies better if we are to live. I have lived in other countries and seen sewers in the streets, garbage and unsanitary conditions. I have seen people that simply wipe their dishes and utensils with a damp rag and never wash their hands or use hot soap and water. I have not been sick much in my life for I believe that spending \$50 a month for *Shaklee alive type vitamins* is cheaper than going to the doctor or buying health insurance. And I believe my good health is because I put my faith in God speaking his word over my body. God gives us practical medical knowledge to use along with the Bible and faith. God's word says: a merry heart doeth good like a medicine. The human body will go into a malfunction mode when we worry or are stressful for long periods of time.

God says in Gen 6:3 that mans days shall be 120 years. Well I believe that's true. If you check on the internet you will find almost 100 thousand people today over the age of 100. It's much more common than you may think. Some of them still work at a job! It's also wise not to put to much faith in doctors or hospitals just because they have a PhD. Doctors are great, there God's gift of medical knowledge but they can't cure everything. God has given us many natural cures in the Bible.

Gen 1:29 is one that's very beneficial in many ways. God tells you about eating the seeds in fruit. Seeds contain a vast number of special chemical elements to combat disease not found else where in nature. Vitamins have the power to cure the human body. God designed many plants to be a medicine for man's body.

Did you know there has been a cure for cancer for over 50 years but the medical industry has hidden it since they don't make money that way so it's not published? If you have been told you have cancer don't panic and start taking chemo therapy, drugs, and radiation treatments. Go online and search for intravenous injections of Laetrile and B17 tablets which is a Biblical cure. If you have a tumor, yes have it removed if possible but then use vitamin therapy not conventional medicine. Most illnesses are a chronic disease caused by a lack of a mineral or a vitamin in the body since you can't catch cancer like the flu or a cold. Scurvy was cured with vitamin C. Pellagra with vitamin B and many other illnesses cured this same way.

These are all medical facts. It really does work since it comes straight from the mouth of God and he is never wrong. There are many other natural cures for health problems that you really need to know to keep your body healthy.

The Chinese have had great knowledge about this for thousands of years which has been passed down since the days of Noah. There is a lot of ancient knowledge that has gone to the grave but mostly hidden from the public because of greed but if you look on the internet, and in old books you can search out and find some of these ancient arts. In Chicago and New York city they have huge, very old libraries with books dating back before the 1500's. In Rome there are libraries with books as old as the fourth century AD. As Jesus said: "Seek and you will find."

Example: My wife and I were married 25 wonderful years, she was in great health and had no symptoms and felt good but went in for a routine checkup. The doctors told her that her blood sugar was a little high so they wanted to put her on insulin. She agreed to follow their orders. Later she began to get sick and developed a heart condition, then high blood pressure and then she died 2 years later in her sleep. Before this God was keeping her healthy. She felt fine with no symptoms. But she changed her faith to believing only the doctors instead of God. She should have ignored what the doctors said and began speaking to her body commanding her blood sugar to be normal in Jesus name. Yes, we can get off track if we believe only what is common knowledge. This present world and it's society has indoctrinated you into believing many lies that you may not realize.

But you really need to understand the forces that are at work all around you. Just because you don't see Angels with your eyes doesn't mean they don't exist. God says you have an Angel when your born again so that should settle the matter with you once and for all. You need to train your heart, spirit and mind to be like Jesus. He saw everything going on around him. He knew his Father's heart and was spiritually in tune with God. He didn't worship his Cell Phone, PC and TV, kids or Money like people do now. Practicing to be more like Jesus is the key to a wiser understanding which will also keep your body and mind healthy. Ask yourself each day if Jesus would approve of everything you do and speak. God will help you if you ask him and make the effort to change. Nothing is impossible with him.

Yes, we have the power to use our own common sense to keep our bodies working the way God designed them. No, I am not against doctors they are needed but they only practice what they have been taught and it's not always right. Only a hundred years ago doctors practiced bleeding a patient to make them well. This is how George Washington died. For hundreds of years Doctors never washed their hands and passed on disease to other patients. Yes, these warnings are <u>all</u> in the Bible. So if you really want this better abundant life then I think it would be wise to find out the truth and then make a greater effort to apply what you learn. Stop believing the majority. Turn off that stupid TV. I myself will listen to doctors but I am careful always trusting my Father in Heaven <u>first</u> and what he says to me about health.

I sincerely pray you will listen to. It's all just good **Biblical Common Sense**.

Wisdom shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head. Proverbs.

The word **impossible** is not a fact, it is only an uneducated opinion

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