

I've Made A Good Life

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Life can sometimes be so difficult that we question whether God sees and cares when we are between a rock and a hard place. If God wills... at some point, we arrive at adulthood with scars, bruises, and even broken hearts looking for love.

Perhaps one of your parents was abusive, or you were raised by a single parent, or lived in foster care, which affected your self-worth. You may have grown up in a family where you are made to feel that you were not good enough or you were bullied by your siblings. Yet, you kept hoping and moving forward to live your best life.

You may have found some resemblance to success in your education, a career, or found the mate of your dreams, and raised a family while living a good life. You may not have seen the “good” in having a relationship with Jesus Christ. You may have thought there was no need for God’s grace or provisions because you made the best out of what life brought your way for most of your life.

Over time, that belief developed a subtle assumption that money would somehow be the savior. You fall into the trap of deciding what is right, good, essential, and valuable until you are confronted with the death and separation of a loved one.

In suffering and separation, you can learn that each day is a gift to be appreciated and to make each day count because tomorrow is not promised.

We did not write the “Good Life” menu because we are not the Creator... we are the created. We assume that we know what is best for ourselves and lack the knowledge of the next day or the number of our days. God provided us the “Good Life” through His Son, Jesus Christ. **John 10:10 NKJV** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

The Good Life is for the receiving.... Do you have a Good Life?

Celebrate with us and experience the Good Life at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life and enjoy coffee and cookies with friends. The chapel is a place for *needs to be met, faith to be affirmed, and new friends to embrace*. You can view our worship services on YouTube at www.villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club