

INTRODUCTION - *The back-up quarter-back*

INTRODUCTION #2 - *The life of Cor*

NEW SERMON SERIES

"Certified Purveyors of the High Life!"

1. Seeing the end from the beginning

- 10 weeks of the High Life
- Text In Question of the Week
- High Life Clip: "What's a purveyor?"
- What is the aim? Matter and Manner (John 5:39-40)

Question: Do you know what you want?

2. The tension from Ecclesiastes 3:11

- A toy from childhood
- "If I could just get my _____ to fit!"
- It's not just a God-shaped hole.

3. "I want that."

- Romans 1:25

4. The world's view of the High Life

5. The simple answer to the question

- Romans 5:6, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- FOOD!
- Game 163.

Application - *Do you want God for God?*

John 5:39-40

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Romans 5:6

For at the right time, while we were still weak, Christ died for the ungodly.

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MAY 9TH - "I WANT THAT."

MAY 16TH - THERE IS ONE, AND ONLY ONE.

MAY 23RD - "BY MY SPIRIT," SAYS THE LORD.

MAY 30TH - "I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART."

JUNE 6TH - WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

JUNE 13TH - "I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT."

JUNE 27TH - WHEN I WANT TO DO RIGHT,

EVIL LIES CLOSE AT HAND.

JULY 11TH - AIM: LOVE GOD; LOVE NEIGHBOR

JULY 18TH - "WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

MY SOUL, OR SOMETHING?"

JULY 25TH - EXPERIENCE THE HIGH LIFE WITH HOPE!

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Jesus



Only
Jesus



WHY IS JESUS OK,
BUT ONLY JESUS IS NOT OK?

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What is a
purveyor?



YouTUBE Clip

What is the aim
of this series?



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The difference between believers and unbelievers as to knowledge is not so much in the matter of their knowledge as in the manner of their knowing.

~John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*, in *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*, ed. Kelly Kopic and Justin Taylor, 117. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2006.



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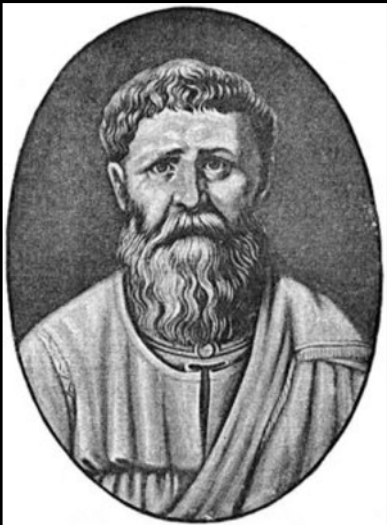
Do you know what you want?



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“Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in thee.”

~Augustine of Hippo, 354-430



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- God does everything at an appropriate time. He gives human beings an idea of eternity; yet despite this we can never fully understand the extent of what God does.

Ogden, G. S., & Zogbo, L. (1998). A handbook on Ecclesiastes. UBS handbook series; Helps for translators (101). New York: United Bible Societies.



Do you know what you want?

“There is a God-shaped (hole) in the heart of every person, and it can never be filled by any created thing. It can only be filled by God, made known through Jesus Christ.”



~Blaise Pascal



God-shaped hole



Shape Sorter



God-shaped hole

“If I could just get my _____ to fit!”



God-shaped hole

It's not just a God-shaped hole.



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It's a God-**SIZED** hole.



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Are you willing to buy the tupperware in order to get the mini sailboat?



“I want that.”

Do you know what you want?



The world's view of the High Life

From a college student's perspective:

- Majoring in something "worthwhile" rather than following your passions and calling
- A party animal rather than a self-controlled, responsible 20 year old that can have fun without alcohol and drugs
- Have a boyfriend/ girlfriend and we're always doing well



The world's view of the High Life

From a graduate's perspective:

- \$70K+ salary and a closet full of suits, ties, and button down shirts
- \$400K+ house in the burbs
- 2 new cars (one black and one white, "his" and "hers" of course)
- Wife, 2.5 kids, and a dog that likes to play fetch
- Livin' the "good 'ol Christian life" --> being a "really nice guy" as opposed to being a warrior for Christ

The world's view of the High Life

I've had nominally Christian friends tell me that I should get a "starter girl," I've had women in the church look down on me for being "inexperienced" and really wasted a lot of time believing that I was the one with something wrong with me.



The world's view of the High Life

People around me tell me that the "High Life" is the pursuit and attainment of a well-paying career that, in most cases, won't satisfy me, and may or may not make me happy.



The world's view of the High Life

High Life: attaining a particular degree (something substantial - not a fluff degree like art or music or general), getting a job that pays very well (something grandparents can brag about to their peers), get married, buy house (not a fixer-upper, unless that's the official plan and then you actually do fix up the house), having 3-7 kids (this depends on who the advice is coming from), home school them all (like my mom did), continue to maintain career while being a "good mom".



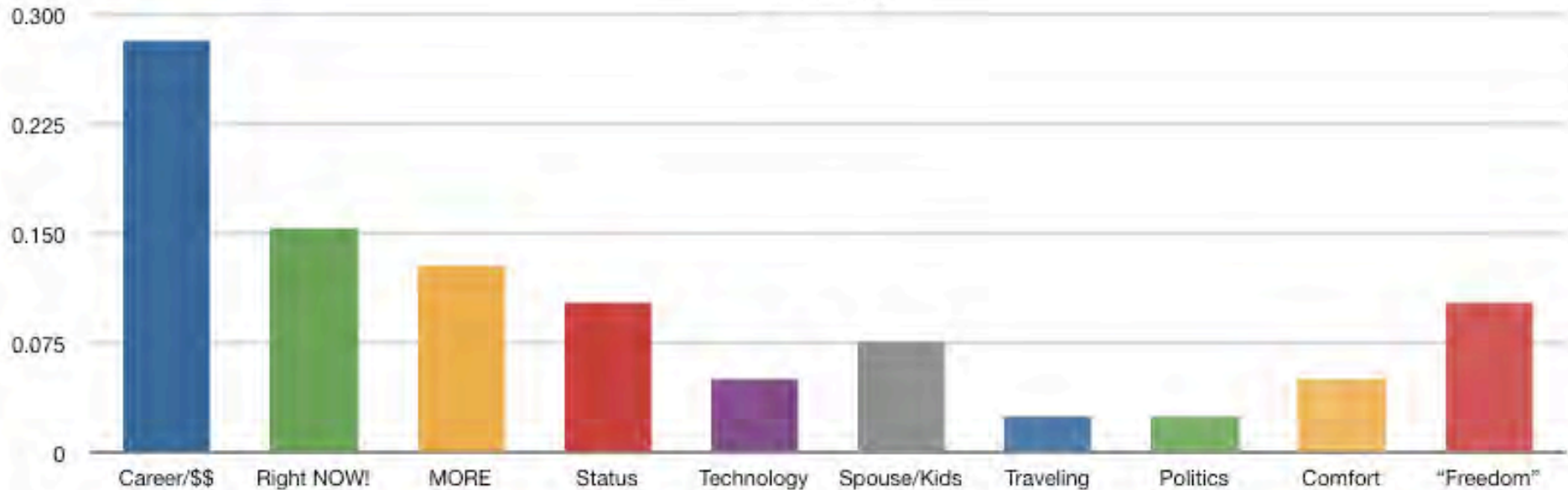
HIGH LIFE

OVERVIEW

High Life Options Percentage Representation

Career/\$\$	0.28205	
Right NOW!	0.154	Live in the moment: Weekends, drinking, sex
MORE	0.128	Owning MORE stuff (house, cabin, cars, clothes, etc.)
Status	0.103	Looks, smarts, popularity, accomplishments
Technology	0.051	
Spouse/Kids	0.077	
Traveling	0.026	
Politics	0.026	
Comfort	0.051	
"Freedom"	0.103	

Percentages



Do you know what you want?



Do you know what you want?

Simple answer: No, you do not.



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for God?



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GOD



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GAME 163



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