The Abundant Life of the Believer

What are the characteristics or evidences that someone has experienced and is living the abundant life? How do we know that we have the abundant life? Can we be sure that God will give us the abundant life? If we are living the abundant life, what will others say about us?

- 1. There is no condemnation for you (*Romans 8:1; John 3:16; Psalms* 103:10-13) The believer has the assurance that God has forgiven you of your sin and they are accepted into the glory of God.
- 2. You will know whether the teaching is of God (*John 7:17; James 1:5; Prov. 9:10*) God promises that we will know the false teaching from the Spirit Filled teaching.
- 3. The Holy Sprit will teach you all things *(John 14:26)* It is the job of the Holy Spirit to teach believers the things of God. We however, must allow the Spirit to fill us and speak to us.
- 4. You will be blessed (*James 1:25; Psalms 1:1-4*) If we live by the precepts laid out in the Bible, we will be blessed. (*Matt 5:3-11*)
- 5. Christ will give you rest and comfort (*Matt 11:28*) God is the provider of all rest and rejuvenation for the believer. How we take advantage of it is our problem.(*Psalms 34:15-19*) God will comfort and stand by the believer through every difficulty.
- 6. Christ will come again for you (*John 14:1-3*) This is one of the 5 fundamentals of our faith. The physical return of Christ. We ought to be anxious for that event. Paul tells us we will get the Crown of Righteousness just because we look forward to Christ coming again.
- 7. You are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (*Romans 8:16-17*) Because we are the children of God, we are His heirs. That means that we are guaranteed to receive God's best.
- 8. God causes all things to work together for good (*Romans 8:28;*) It is the total and complete understanding of us and the absolute control of the events that surround us that enables God to work everything out for our good.
- 9. God will supply all your needs *(Phil 4:19)* God is faithful. He will not let any of His children to suffer needlessly. God is able.
- 10. God will strengthen you with all power (2 Thess. 3:3; Col. 1:11) God give us the power we need for the moment and for the need. He will not burden us

- with more than we will need or less than we need. But it is all according to His might and for his purpose.
- 11. There is an inheritance reserved in heaven for you (*1 Peter 1:3-4;*) This inheritance is eternal life.
- 12. You are protected by God's power (2 Thes. 3:3; 1 Peter 1:5) A child of God is protected by the power of God in the face of the enemy. This provides us with the strength and the power to resist the Devil. (John 10:29)
- 13. God cares for you (1 Peter 5:7; Psalms 139:17-18) God cares and He loves us. (1 John 4:19)
- 14. Obedient believers receive what they ask of Him (*Heb. 6:10; John 14:13-14; 1 Sam. 15:22*) Jesus states with not reservation that He will grant us our wishes, however, it is understood that us are to be obedient before we can receive. (*James 4:3*) Manna (*Ex. 16:16*) We need to be careful not to ask for too much of the right things. God promises to give us just what we need for the moment.
- 15. You will have all joy and peace in believing (2 Cor 13:11; Romans 15:13) If we seek Him and live according to His commandments, we will have His peace. (John 15:11; John 17:13; John 14:27)
- 16. You will have abundant life (*John 10:10*) The reason Christ came to earth is to redeem us to Himself and to give us the abundant life. (*John 8:32; Zeph. 3:19-20; Deut. 30:11-15; Deut. 28:1-2; 12*) It is not too difficult to have the abundant life. God can and will provide the way for you. (*Ps. 1:1-4*)

Are you living the abundant life? Is there something standing in the way; between you and God? Do you know that you could be living a life of greater joy and peace? Give it all to Jesus now, and you will lighten your burdens and lessen your load. Jesus wants to do that for you, today. Right now. Do it for the sake of your spouse, your children, your entire family, and your friends.