

The Abundant Life #5 The More You Know

Deeper Learning

Hebrews 4:12 - NKJV

¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Timothy 3:16 - NKJV

¹⁶ 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.

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. Because of Deep Learning.**

In Other words it's looking at **massive amounts of data** and searching all of it at the same instance in order to give you a result.

This is called Deep Learning.

- And it's done on a scale that I can't even begin to explain to you.....

David said, ***Psalm 119:11*** – NKJV - ¹¹Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

We're talking about ***The Abundant Life***.

Jesus said that ***He came to give us Life*** and that ***more Abundantly***.

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

- ***We can choose*** who we are going to like
- ***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
- ***Whom*** we will work for....

Every choice we make has a result – or a consequence.

- 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 Abundant Life*** that ***Jesus has prepared for them***.

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

We think sometimes 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...
- ***"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.

My decision to go to church for the first time with my kids, was a paramount decision that has brought more blessings into my life than I could ever tell you.

- **We've all made decisions like that...**
- **What we are looking for in our lives is Life More Abundantly!!!!!!!!!!!!**

I need to let you know right here, that -

Life More Abundantly does not happen spontaneously or unexpectedly.

- It happens over a period of time
- Multiple correct decisions that **ultimately**
- **Bring God's blessings into our life!!!!**

I think a trip to the altar

- To repent - To pray - To make some things right with God.....
- **Needs to be done** 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

- 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.**

For this to happen **you are going to have to make some informed decisions.**

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.

Our brains appear wired in ways that enable us, often unconsciously, **to make the best decisions possible** with the information we're given.

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

- 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 would 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 the other stuff.

Psalm 119:16 - NKJV

¹⁶ I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Faith cometh by hearing – the Word of God.

The prophets ate the word -

Thy precepts...

Light unto our pathway

Strength...

Romans 10:17 - CEV

¹⁷ **No one can have faith without hearing the message about Christ.**

We need God's Word.

We need to **get it into our hearts** and into **our minds**.

Proverbs 30:5 - NKJV

⁵ Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

Unlike Google, you can trust what is in God's Word. It is pure. Look at that,

- **He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.**

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

- 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 - NKJV - Your word is a lamp to my feet And **a light to 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.

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.

Psalm 119:11 -Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

Algorithms - a process or set of rules to be followed in **calculations or other problem-solving operations,** especially by a computer.

It's a formula for decision making.

- But without lots of data, it cannot make a decision.
- 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 constantly 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*** t
- We understand that Jesus **does not want us to judge** one another, That **He is emotional**.
- ***Now we are growing!!!!!!! LOL***

So then we learn another scripture...And another...And another

- And the more we learn about Him and His word the more we understand.
- The **Deeper our Learning** becomes
- Eventually, **algorithms begin to play out** in ***our understanding about 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***.

CLOSE:

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”***
- **Abundant life *doesn’t*** just happen.
- ***It happens because*** we are ***applying His Word*** to our lives
- **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 bag or something.
- The blessings happen ***as a natural result of our living for God*** in such a way ***good things can naturally come to us.....***

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

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.**

You might think this is all common sense stuff

- But amazingly **most people don't understand** this.

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 into His word and study it.**

- ***Deep Learning***
- **Not** a shallow experience
- But something **that will stand the tests in our lives.**

Abundant life

- Not **just enough** to get by.
- But a learning about **God and His word**
- That will bring about **Abundance** in our lives.