



Sunday, 05.02.2012. Mike Griffiths

*My Church*

## Enjoys Life

**Daniel 6:3** “Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.”

**Romans 15:4** “...everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

*As a church that God has blessed, we want to examine some of the distinctives that we have that distinguish us.*

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**Ecclesiastes 8:15** “So I commend the enjoyment of life, because nothing is better for a man under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany him in his work all the days of the life God has given him under the sun.”

**v9:7** “Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for it is now that God favors what you do. Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love... Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

*The bible talks a lot about enjoying life.*

## **1. Put Joy into what you do**

*1 Timothy 6:17b* "...God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

## **2. Refill that joy tank when it runs low!**

*Philippians 4:4* "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Re-joyce!"

*We believe that church should be fun.*

*Psalms 122:1* "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord."

*At my church we*

## **1. Love Life**

*John 10:10* "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

## **2. Love People**

*1 Peter 3:10-11* For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from

telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

*1 John 3:18* Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

## **3. Love God**

*Matthew 22:35-40* One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

*Psalms 51:10* Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

*v11 - 13* Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

*What distinguishes my church?*  
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