

The Ark Community

116: **Fulfillment**

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"When we let our life be illumined by the light of Christ, we experience the joy of being liberated from all that threatens our life's complete fulfillment."

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Honesty is a good thing, and if we're all to be brutally honest, we all seek Happiness and Fulfillment. This is what we all (*all mankind*), have in common. What differs, are the varied methods we all go about finding happiness and fulfillment. Personally, I am always inspired by what St. Irenaeus said, around 1800 years ago:

"The Glory of God is man fully alive"

My friends, students and Community Companions know I use this statement in almost every sermon and teaching I do, I always find a way to fit it in... because **God is GOOD – ALWAYS**, and this understanding **MUST** form the basis of our relationship with Him. Even when He has to get 'tough' on us, it's because He's being good to us and loving us the way is best for us – at that specific moment, in that particular situation. I remember one of my Bible Teachers saying, **"God is more interested in your character than your comfort"**. True, because having character can help us through so many tough situations and character is the main ingredient for success and success is what leads us to happiness and fulfillment.

I do not speak of the 'success' that you may have in your mind right now – SUCCESS is fulfilling all that God called us **TO BE** and **TO DO**. Success is about living the life that God gave us, not the life we designed for ourselves! Mother Teresa said, **"Holiness is to accept the life that God gives you"**. And this is what Pope Benedict is saying above, if we let Christ into EVERY area of our lives, He will chase out the desires for a life that is NOT what He planned (*from before time*), for us. What threatens you from experiencing complete fulfillment? Whatever it is – let Christ chase it out! Be FREE to be FULFILLED. We cannot experience fulfillment without first being liberated...!

Beware of FEAR. Fear is the root of all sin, and often is the major obstacle in the way of us experiencing complete fulfillment and therefore true happiness. Jesus is the Founder of the Ecumenical (*Christian Unity*) Movement, when He Himself prayed for all Christians to be ONE. Likewise Jesus is also the Founder of the Prosperity and Wellness movement, when He told us all, [John 10:10 NIV]

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Abundant life is God's desire for us all. Don't be fooled to accept anything less. It is His promise to us all. Jesus, Himself announced it and said that His coming made it a reality and possible acquisition. In Christ we can have an abundant life, which is a life of complete fulfillment and happiness. The trick is to let Christ to totally take over our lives that it becomes **no longer we who live but Jesus living through us**. Yes, as we begin to allow Jesus to live His life through our lives, we will experience divine success and human fulfillment. So breathe in the light of Christ today and allow yourself to be freed from all that desires to stop you from being fulfilled. Spit out Fear. Breathe in Love.

God is Good.