

The Intentional Life (Part 3)

“The God Intoxicated Life”

(2 Cor.6:1)

Introduction: I am sure you know (or have seen in others of course), what happens to us when someone gets intoxicated. To be intoxicated by definition is to have your faculties taken over by some substance. When this happens, you do and say things you normally would not. You are not in control, but rather you are under the influence or control of something else! We all have intoxicated lives of some kind...

So, let me ask you, are you presently “Intentionally” living a God intoxicated life?

What happens to a person whose life is intoxicated by God? What kind of things would they say and do? What does it look like to live a life totally full of and under the influence of God? You can choose today to have a God intoxicated life by being among those who choose to fill your life with Jesus! And it happens when we make three simple discoveries and intentionally do them!

Notice discovery number one...

I. We are not called to work for God:

A. We must become free of the lie –

1. Many have the view of their Christian life as –God has this calling on my life and I have to fulfill it!
 - a. God has employed me in His service and I have to get to it!
 - b. That is a whole lot of pressure and it is a lie to over burden you. Satan would love for you to believe it!
2. But this is not what scripture teaches...
 - a. Paul says we are (2 Cor 6:1)
 - b. He is always present – My awareness of His presence may falter from time to time – But He never leaves me!

B. We must become fellow laborers –

1. I must realize “I am the work of God”
 - a. Eph 2:10 tells us –
 - b. Phil 2:13 tells us –
 - c. What is my part –(Matt 6:33-34)

I enjoy a continual communion with God 24/7

I don’t just make time for God daily, I enjoy my time with God all day!

Notice discovery number two...

II. We are called to work with God:

A. Jesus who becomes our example –

1. Jesus’ relationship with the Father went far deeper than a daily appointment.
2. Jesus had a “God intoxicated life” – He was always aware of the Father’s presence. (listen to What he said)
 - a. Jn. 5:19 -
 - b. V. 30
 - c. Jn 14:11 –

3. Because Jesus had such a God intoxicated life with the Father – it effected all He did & said and made Him different from everyone else –

- a. Jn. 9:3
- b. Jn. 11:4

B. Jesus who becomes our expression -

1. Paul tells us – in Rom 8:29
2. His desire for us is to *have and live* a God intoxicated life just like Jesus did!
3. He gives us several scriptural examples to illustrate this:
 - a. In John 15:5,
 - b. *In (v. 7)*
 - c. In 1 Cor 6:19 Paul reminds us –
4. God desires to be so near to you that your life becomes full and intoxicated with Him (as it was with Jesus). Here’s what it looked like in others in the Bible:
 - a. David wrote Ps. 139:1-3
 - b. Paul wrote about what a God intoxicated life looked like to him: (1 Thes. 5:17; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; Phil. 4:6)

Notice discovery number three...

III. We do our best work when we walk with God:

How can we practice God’s presence every day (which will lead us to a God intoxicated life).

1. Give God your waking thoughts – (Ps. 5:3)
2. Give God your waiting thoughts – (Ps 46:10 Isa 40:31)
3. Give God your whispering thoughts –
The key is to consider every moment of your life as a moment spent in communication with our God!
4. Give God your waning thoughts – (Ps. 121:4)

Conclusion: Intentional living when it comes to our faith requires us to take a look at what is filling our lives!

The one with a God intoxicated life is a great example and they have a love, a light and life worth sharing!

If that’s not you today – It can be when you chose to intentionally begin to take the steps that lead you to “The God intoxicated life” – The life the Father desires for you to have?