

**ENJOYING YOUR LIFE**  
*MASTERING MONEY, #4*  
Pastor Dennis Clanton  
Woodland Church  
Sunday, January 28, 2018

*“Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life.” (1 Timothy 6:17, CEV)*

*“Laugh out loud that helps flush out the nervous system.” - Chuck Swindoll*

*“Laughter is the most beautiful and beneficial therapy God ever granted humanity.”  
- Chuck Swindoll*

*“You can’t stay mad at somebody who makes you laugh.” - Jay Leno*

*“We cannot really love anybody with whom we never laugh.” - Agnes Repplier*

*“The LORD God took a handful of soil and made a man. God breathed life into the man, and the man started breathing.” (Genesis 2:7, CEV)*

**1. GOD FORGIVES MY SIN.**

*“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”  
(Romans 8:1, NLT)*

*“My heart finds joy in your salvation.” (Psalm 13:5, GW)*

**2. GOD HAS GIVEN ME ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

*“I can't look back from where I am now and feel that I have been very much in charge of my life .... I have made plans enough, but I see now that I have never lived by plan .... Nearly everything that has happened to me has happened by surprise. All the important things have happened by surprise. And whatever has been happening usually has happened before I had time to expect it .... And so when I have thought I was in my story or in charge of it, I really have been only on the edge of it, carried along. Is this because we are in an eternal story that is happening partly in time?” - Wendell Berry, Jayber Crow*

*“It stands to reason, doesn’t it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he’ll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ’s!”*  
(Romans 8:11, Message)

### **3. GOD IS WORKING ALL THINGS FOR MY GOOD!**

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* (Romans 8:28, NIV)

## **GROWTHWORK**

### **1. KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS**

*“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.”* (Hebrews 12:2, NLT)

*“As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in your commands.”*  
(Psalm 119:143, NLT)

### **2. KEEP DOING THE RIGHT THING.**

*“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. The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the LORD turns his face against those who do evil.”* (1 Peter 3:10–12, NLT)

### **3. KEEP REMEMBERING GOD IS FOR ME.**

*“If God is for us, who can be against us?”* (Romans 8:31, NIV)

#### **4. KEEP REMEMBERING GOD WILL MEET ALL MY NEEDS.**

*“God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us. If God did this, won’t he freely give us everything else?” (Romans 8:32, CEV)*

*“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”  
(Philippians 4:19, NLT)*

*“The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. O LORD of Heaven’s Armies, what joy for those who trust in you.”  
(Psalm 84:11–12, NLT)*

*“Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.”  
(John 16:24, NLT)*

God is a giver.

- God gave us Jesus Christ as our Savior.
- God is a giver of eternal life.
- God is a giver of our daily bread.
- God is a giver of life.
- God is a giver of health.
- God is a giver of forgiveness.
- God is a giver of mercy and compassion.
- God is a giver of energy.

#### **5. KEEP REMEMBERING GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE ME.**

*“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38–39, NLT)*