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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 16:2 *I say to the LORD, “You are my LORD; apart from You I have no good thing.* (NIV) David makes an important proclamation here: *You are my LORD!* Now here is an important decision for every person to make. He is LORD, but is He your LORD? In other words, have you chosen to follow Him completely in your life? Do you talk to Him, ask of Him and walk in His ways? Once you experience the love of the LORD and receive His precious gift of eternal life, you will begin to understand that this life has so much more than just existing. You will find joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control given by the Holy Spirit. This fruit of the Spirit will bring forth beautiful life that has eternal benefits. It will allow you to deposit the goodness of real life into the people you know and come in contact with.

David then makes a significant statement: *apart from You I have no good thing.* He is saying that he desires nothing more than to live in the presence of the LORD. There is nothing this world affords that can bring all of the benefits of the abundant life we have in Him. **Ps. 27:4-5** reminds us of the desire of David’s heart: *One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.* (NIV) There is no real joy without Him. There certainly is no peace either. All of the fruit of the Spirit flow from our wonderful relationship with the Father. We become the vessels that carry these characteristics of the LORD to others. There is no one like You Lord. You have provided everything that we need to live in full abundance. And, You will continue to do so.

Dear LORD, without You we have nothing of eternal value. We simply need You. Help us to desire to live in Your presence and seek You continually. Help our minds and hearts to be fixed upon You as well. In Jesus Name, Amen