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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**1 John 3:24** *The one who keeps God's commands lives in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us. (NIV)*

Now I've said this before, but I need to hear this daily. One way that I can know that I am going to experience real and abundant life today is by walking in obedience. Every law that God has given, was given with His perfect knowledge and desire for our good. He knows what will help us, protect us and prosper us. I'm reminded of the old adage: 'You can't break God's laws; they will break you.'

Obedience is not in our normal make-up. We are bent on doing what we want rather than following any laws or guidelines. It reminds me of the little boy that was given a 'time out' by his mom. She told him to sit in the chair in the corner and not to stand up until she told him that he could. After a minute or too, she called out to him, "Are you still sitting down?" He answered by saying, "I'm sitting down, but in my heart I'm standing up!"

So let's break it down for just a minute. When we make the choice to obey the LORD, we are choosing to trust in His will and outcome for us. We believe that He will lead and guide us in such a way as to bless, protect and provide for us. Conversely, when we choose our own will and way, He will allow the effects of that choice to fall upon us. And that is never good. To live in the abundance He has for us, we can know it has everything to do with our willingness to die to our selfish ways and desire, and be made alive in the life of Christ. **Rom. 8:16** *The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (NIV)*

Our daily task is to walk in obedience so that we may live in the Spirit of God. **John 15:10** *If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love. (NIV)*

**Dear LORD, we need You more than anyone or anything else. Help us to follow You and Your Word. Help us to walk uprightly and give heed to Your commands. We desire to walk in You today. In Jesus Name, Amen**