

SIT DOWN AND ENJOY LIFE

The story is told of a rich industrialist who was disturbed to find a fisherman sitting lazily beside his boat. "Why aren't you out there fishing?" he asked.

"Because, I've caught enough fish for today," said the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch more fish than you need?" the rich man asked.

"What would I do with them?"

"You could earn more money," came the impatient reply, "and buy a better boat so you could go deeper and catch more fish. You could purchase nylon nets, catch even more fish, and make more money. Soon you'd have a fleet of boats and be rich like me."

The fisherman asked, "Then what would I do?"

"You could sit down and enjoy life," said the industrialist.

"What do you think I'm doing now?" the fisherman replied as he looked placidly out to sea.

How often do we fail to just stop and enjoy the rich and abundant blessings God has given! All too often we are rushing around to increase ourselves as best we can by our own hands. Prosperity is the key to happiness – at least that is what our culture has convinced us to believe!

Many will push to increase their income to purchase: the larger house (which means increased maintenance, taxes, etc.) and never fully enjoy it; the cell phone upgrade (only to see it go out of date within six months); the newer model vehicle (which inevitably doesn't ride near as well as the one you just traded in); the vacation to who knows where (only to be SO ready to get home before it's half over); and on and on we could go.

The point to be made is this; we should be satisfied with those things that God has given us rather than constantly seeking to increase our possessions above that which we can even use! Living our life based on this principle would not only allow us to "sit down and enjoy life" but it

would also give us the time to go out and teach others of the great and wonderful God who has blessed them far above them understanding!

So, what are you doing today? Why not sit down and enjoy the life with which God has richly blessed you!

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
²¹unto him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

“...exhort one another daily, while it is called To day” (Hebrews 3:13)