

Your Life Span

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When God created the cow He said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of 60 years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for 60 years. Let me have 20 good years and I'll give back the other 40." So God agreed.

Then God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a 20 year life span." The monkey replied, "How boring. Monkey tricks for 20 years? I don't think so. Give me 10 good years and I'll give you back 10." And God agreed again.

Then God created the dog. To the dog He said, "Sit by the door of your house all day and bark at anyone who walks past. I will give you a life span of 20 years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. The monkey gave you back 10 years in exchange for 10 good ones, so I'll make the same deal." And God agreed.

Finally, God created man. God said to man, "Eat, sleep and play. Do nothing but have fun and I'll give you 20 years." Man said, "What? Only 20 years? No way! Tell you what, I'll take my 20 years, the 40 the cow gave back, the 10 the monkey gave back and the 10 the dog gave back. That makes 80 years. Deal?" "Okay," said God. "You've got a deal."

So that is why for the first 20 years we eat, sleep, play and do nothing but just have fun. For the next 40 years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next 10 years we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren. And for the last 10 years we sit on the front porch and bark at everybody! Life has now been explained! For a lot of people that is exactly how life is. But for the Child of God there is much more to life. Check out John 10:1-10 and pay close attention to the last part of verse 10!