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Concept

Thank you for choosing to use free instant content from Cecil Taylor Ministries! We hope and pray that you and your church will be blessed by it, and that you will consider using Cecil Taylor Ministries in the future.

The concept is to share instant content with one or more small groups in your church, with the option of pairing this content with a sermon or message during worship. This guide contains shortcuts for preparing such a message.

Please be aware that the Leader Guide gives three options for class leaders to access the lesson:

- Streaming – Recommended when you control the Internet access, such as at home, or when you expect light competing traffic on the WiFi.
- Download – Recommended when you do not have control of Internet access and have more competing traffic on the WiFi.
- DVD – Recommended when you have a DVD player and have a good setup to connect to a monitor.

You may have ordered a DVD directly from Cecil Taylor Ministries and will have to wait for its arrival before setting up small groups. If your small groups will be using streaming or download options, these videos formats are available at <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com/resources-live-the-life-given> . The Leader Guide contains additional information for users.

Message Preparation Shortcuts

Please feel free to watch the 8-minute video yourself, but to speed things up, here is a synopsis of the video.

- The video starts with the story of Claire*, a 13-year-old Cystic Fibrosis victim, who wrote in her diary the marvelous phrase, “I will live the life that is given.”
- To put context to Claire’s approach and map it into grieving principles, Cecil shares an overview of “The Next Thing,” the book and video series that include Claire’s story. The grieving principles, which are related to the acceptance phase of grief, are:
 - Accept the loss realistically by being honest about the new reality.
 - Accept the loss directly, without ignoring or avoiding it.
 - Accept the loss responsibly through attitudes and actions.
- Cecil reminisces about an individual who epitomized to him “Live the Life that is Given.”
- The first scripture reference is **1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18**, emphasizing that it is God’s will that we rejoice, pray, and give thanks, regardless of the life we are given. This is one of the main points of the video, that God essentially wills for us to live the life we are given.
- The video pivots to talking about how people with abundance and prosperity of health, wealth, time, and options are also tasked to living the life they are given and sharing out of that abundance.
- The video finishes by tying together the ideas of living confidently through poverty and prosperity, using **Philippians 4: 11-13**.

** Not her real name*

Aside from the two bolded passages above, there is no other scripture referenced in the video. However, there is a reference to manna from heaven as symbolizing the daily gift of life from God, and how we actually live a spiritual hand-to-mouth existence each day but do not realize it. The story is found in **Exodus 16**.

Follow-up

After using this material, please consider Cecil Taylor Ministries for future lessons on developing practical faith. The following links may be useful:

- <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com> – Home page that is the launch point for finding more information and for signing up for a free monthly newsletter containing tips for group members and updates on the ministry.
- <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com/free-content> - Offers links to free monthly podcasts, regular blogs, and more resources designed to help Christians live a 7-day practical faith.
- <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com/lessons> - Learn here about all the options for lesson content currently available from Cecil Taylor Ministries.
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