**What Do You “Live For”?**

The advertisement said (paraphrased), “You climb up into a tree, nock an arrow, and disappear. This (meaning, “hunting”) is what you live for.” Though I was always taught to never end a sentence with a preposition, the statement, is a thought-provoking one. I understand, as do you also, that it was meant accommodatively. Very few, if any, people literally “live for” hunting. In times past, people “lived by” hunting, but few do so currently. And probably none do so who saw the same ad I did on television!

But obviously, the commercial- though I don’t even remember exactly what was being promoted, spawned the (also grammatically incorrect) title question, **“What do you ‘live for’?”**

There a few possible answers that come to mind:

* Some people “live for” *pleasure,* cf. Jas.4:1-3.
* Some people “live for” *wealth* (or *retirement*)*,* Luke 12:13-21*.*
* Some people even “live for” *work,* 1Thess.4:11 (cp.2Thess.3:6-12)
* Some people “live for” *family,* Luke 9:59-62*.*

Are any of these the right things for which “to live”? There is no doubt or argument that they are, in and of themselves, right and proper pursuits to a degree. But think carefully for a moment as you consider each one as a potential purpose for which to live. Are any of them really worthy of a life’s dedication? Has any of them become *your life’s* dedication- at least in activity if not in purpose?

Instead, what devotion would be worthy of a life’s dedicated pursuit? For what should we live (as our dedicated purpose in and reason for living)?

* Jesus/Christ, Rom.14:7-8; 2Cor.5:15; Gal.2:20; 6:14; Phil.1:19-21.
* To *please* and *glorify* God, 2Cor.5:9; Eph.5:7-10,17; 1Thess.4:1 and 1Cor.6:20; 1Pet.2:12; 4:16; Matt.5:16.
* To hear Him say at judgment, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” Matt.25:21,23; Luke 19:11-27.
* To take as many as possible to heaven with you, Heb.13:14-16.

Be sure to keep the *main things* the *main things* in life. It so easy to get wrapped-up in “living for” things that don’t help you or anyone else “live forever.”

What about you? Are you “living for” and day by day “spending your life for” *pleasure/recreation, wealth, work,* or *family* instead of **Jesus Christ, to please and glorify God,** to **hear Him say “Well done,”** and to **take as many as possible to heaven with you?**