

## **Issues of Life**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Philippians 4:1-3.

B. There is a germ of divine life within every Christian. They share the same basic love.

### II. The Christian life is a joyful life.

A. People are Christians' joy.

B. Paul loved influencing people.

C. Paul enjoyed leading people.

D. Paul considered people his crown.

E. There is no joy that does not include problems. Christians can anticipate them.

F. We must learn to live with people we disagree with.

### III. Christianity is a life of labor.

A. This is tireless labor.

B. This is relentless labor.

C. This is for the gospel.

D. This is to include those in the book of life. (Revelation 21:27)

### IV. The secret of life: "in the Lord."

A. Life is to be found only in Christ.

B. Life is full in Christ.

C. Life is fruitful in Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. How would you evaluate your own joy for people? Explain.

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2. Is your joy able to withstand pain? How can a person grow in this area?

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3. What can you do to encourage others more to engage in labor?

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