

You Only Live Once
Smelling the Roses
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Introduction - We know life gets off balance when our passion becomes an **OBSESSION**.

- Example: Hetty Green
- Westminster Catechism – “Man’s chief end is to glorify God *and* enjoy Him forever.” – AND not OR
- A life of passion does not ignore reality, but overcomes adversity – Matthew 11:28-30
- God designed us for the passionate pursuit of perfection
 - Example: Golf – Matthew 5:48
- The best of this life is a foretaste of eternity
- The true fountain of youth – Gratitude – 2 Corinthians 4:15-16

I. Be a Lifelong **LEARNER**

- Not in the classroom, but in the journey of life
- Defined not by what we are, but what we *do* – continual adventure
- Know how to say “no,” so you can say “yes” – Matthew 5:37
- Care less about grades and more about growth
- See our relationship with Christ as the final frontier

II. Laugh Like You **MEAN** It

- Proverbs 17:22
- Humor is all about perspective – Psalm 39:4-7

III. Practice Makes **PERMANENT**

- “Nothing is more death-like than the life unlived.”
- Passionate lives are infectious – 1 Peter 2:11-12 (NLT) – Gr. *kalos* means “excellent” or “magnificent”

Conclusion - Are we having **FUN** yet?

All scripture is from the HCSB unless otherwise noted.