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THE ABUNDANT LIFE

In John 10:10, Jesus said, ***"I am come that they (we, us) might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*** What does it mean "more abundantly?" What does it ***not*** mean?

The original Greek word used here is "*perissos*" (Strong's G4053). It carries the sense of super abundant in quantity or superior in quality.

What it does not mean is a super abundance of money or material goods or gain. I Timothy 6:5-10 puts it into proper perspective. Verse 5 says, ***"Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds (souls), destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness, from such withdraw thyself...but they that will be rich (in the world) fall into temptation and a snare...for (v. 10) the love of money is the root of all evil."***

So, this super abundance is not about money or any material thing. Verse 6 gives us the real clue as it says, ***"But godliness with contentment is great gain (super abundance),"*** and verse 8, ***"Having food and raiment let us be therewith content."*** As long as we have food, clothing, and shelter, we have more than most others in the world have.

John 10:10 gives a further clue in that Jesus came that we ***"might have life."*** That is the ultimate abundance. As a Christian, His life is in us now and forever. That is an abundance the world totally lacks. Jesus said in John 14:6, ***"I am...the life."*** Philippians 4:19 says that ***"God shall supply all your need according to His riches..."*** and He owns everything. That, my friend, is super abundance.

The abundant riches of this world will fade away, but God's abundance to you will last forever.