IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

<u>THE WINNER'S EDGE</u>

Ephesians 3:1-13

How can you win in life?

1. A winner sees the sovereignty of God.

A. Everything is under <u>His control</u>.

B. Every Christian belongs to Christ.

Or do you not know, brethren, that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price ... 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

C. Every circumstance has <u>a purpose</u>.

For I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear. Philippians 1:12-14

2. A winner sees the grace of God.

- A. A winner never gets over being saved.
- B. A winner lives in gratitude.

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. 1 Timothy 1:15

3. A winner sees the <u>plan</u> of God.

A. You are called to be a <u>witness</u>. ...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses ... Acts 1:8

B. You are called to be evidence.

For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written. Romans 2:24

4. A winner sees the <u>throne</u> of God.

...in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him. Ephesians 3:12

Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

God really does want you to win!