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## Live, Laugh, Love

I recently purchase a picture sign for my wall. It simply said, "Live well, Laugh often, Love much". It spoke to me as something I should strive for. This is actually part of a great poem entitled *Success* that was penned by the late Bessie Anderson Stanley. Although I know the phrasing is not strictly scriptural, I believe each phrase can be justified in scripture. I will try to show what I mean.

**Live well** - Scripture says in John 10:10 "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly." That certainly speaks to living well. In Him was life and His life was the light of men.

**Laugh often** - Scripture says in Prov. 17:22 "A merry heart does good, like medicine." Ecclesiastes says "There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." Nehemiah tells us the joy of the Lord is our strength and it is. Psalm 126 states our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Yes, I believe it is good to laugh often.

**Love much** - What can we say here? Scriptures abound. First of all, that God is love and to dwell in love is to dwell in God. 1 Cor. 13 instructs us in the actions of love. We are told to love God above all and to love our brother as ourself. Then, of course, there was the bitter-sweet remembrance of our dear founder, Paula, as she lay on her death bed, encouraging us all to

love each other. It's all about love. I have heard it said that the one question asked of you in heaven is "Did you learn to love."

So yes, I encourage each of you to Live well, laugh often, and love much. And above all, to know the love of Christ which passes understanding. The whole of the Word of God is a love story of God to His creation. Perhaps this is something to remember as we begin this new Jewish year of our Lord 5779. What a God we serve!