

# GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME  
IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM



**If you have a cold what do you do? You take cough syrup for the cough an antihistamine for the runny nose and a pain reliever for the aches and pains.**

So when you have a bad cold and you take a drug, does it make you feel better? Sometimes? Maybe you even start to think “Hey, I think I’m getting well.” But when you stop taking the medicine, what happens? You start to feel bad again.

The medicine doesn’t help you get over the cold, it only helps with the symptoms. It makes you feel better for a little while, but it isn’t a cure.

That’s the way things often work in our lives. We all suffer from a disease that can be fatal. It’s called sin. This disease makes us feel empty and alone and unhappy.

Each of us try to find a cure for it, but too often we try temporary medications like smoking, drinking, making more money or even leaving a spouse for someone else.

Some people try to find relief by going shopping for new clothes, new cars or other things that they think they must have. Others switch jobs or careers in order to “find themselves” and gain happiness.

These “medications” seem to work...for a little while. They just never

last. The truth is that life on earth is not what’s important. We have a greater future to look forward to.

In John 14, Jesus explained this to His disciples. They still believed that He was going to establish an earthly kingdom and since they were the King’s friends, they were in a great position to be leaders. So when Jesus spoke to them about the cross they were shocked and devastated. All their hopes and dreams went down the drain! They felt that they had lost everything.

But Jesus didn’t want to leave them discouraged and sad. He said in verses 1-3 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in Me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come back and take you to be with Me, that you also may be where I am.”

Jesus makes that same promise to us! We don’t have to search anymore. Accept his cure for sin and surrender today.

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