How To Survive A Life of Chaos – Part II
Power, Meaning & Purpose, Peace

I. **Introduction — Pursuit of Power**

    A. **Power of** _____ (Matthew 20:25-28)

    B. **Power of** _____

    C. **Power of** _____

    D. **Power of** _____

    E. **Power of** _____

> *Fame is a vapor,*
> *popularity an accident,*
> *riches take wings.*
> *Only one thing endures*
> *and that is character.*
>
> Abraham Lincoln

    F. **Power of** _____ (Proverbs 9:10)

    G. **Power of** _____

> **Definition**
> *Let me propose another definition of power or a powerful life: People have power*
> *when they go through life meeting every circumstance, good or bad, with confidence*
> *and dependence on God. They arrive at their older years with the conviction that they*
> *have lived life well, with few regrets; that they used their gifts, power, and time for*
> *good and for God, serving their family and neighbors with selflessness and*
> *generosity.*

Where do we get power?

II. **Meaning and Purpose**

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A. **The Pitfalls**

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B. **Write Out Some Answers to the Question...**

When I come near the end of my life, I will be pleased if:

> *"There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more and the other is to desire less."*
>
> G. K. Chesterton

Meaning in the midst of chaos is living:

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C. **What Is It?** (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; I Corinthians 10:31 James 1:22)

D. **God <u>Does</u> Have a Purpose for You—Personally** (Acts 13:36; II Corinthians 5:9)

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> *In the final analysis, accepting and living by sufficiency rather than excess offers a return to what is, culturally speaking, the human home: to the ancient order of family, community, good work and good life; to a reverence for skill, creativity, and creation; to a daily cadence slow enough to let us watch the sunset and stroll by the water's edge; to communities worth spending a lifetime in; and to local places pregnant with the memories of generations.*
>
> Alan Thein Durning

III. The Search for Peace—the Antidote to Internal Chaos

What Is Peace?

A. Is it. . . ?

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B. It is. . .

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C. Types of peace

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Ref: *Making Peace With Reality: Ordering Your Life In a Chaotic World* by Jerry White, NavPress, 2002.