

## CAN LIFE BE A CONTINUAL PARTY?

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It's hard to escape the fact that for at least some people, life needs to be a continual party. It's done in order for them to attain some feeling of satisfaction and fulfillment.

A party lifestyle means no commitments, no restrictions and no responsibilities.

A partying mentality seeks to please the five senses and often focuses on sex, drugs, alcohol and various other means of escape from the real world. Otherwise, living life in the everyday is considered boring, repetitive, unfulfilling and directionless.

However, those who live this life of "limitless freedom", eventually find that such a lifestyle also loses its appeal after a while. For example, many celebrities who have rather unlimited popularity and resources, subsequently may engage in suicide as they reach a point where they see life as pointless and unsatisfying. Those of you reading this article may have also lived this life with no restrictions and restraint, and have gotten to the point where (using the modern vernacular) "this is getting old". In other words, it has been wearing out in its personal impact.

This brings us to a philosophical dilemma. Is it wrong to have fun and enjoy life? Should life become mostly serious and predictable? Should life include restrictions and if so, how far do these go? Or is there a problem in what we view as both a profitable and enjoyable existence?

Living a life focused on unlimited pleasure and no restraint may appeal to the human mind. Human nature is such that it doesn't want to be restricted in any way. Some view it as the ultimate state of feeling free and being cool! However, living in a state of unfettered desires eventually hurts the self as well as other people. Relationships of deep value are not developed.

You may have heard of a young king who had vast resources within his domain, for his kingdom was quite prosperous. He engaged in multiple expensive work projects, did not limit his desires in any way, and was noted for having many wives. But near the end of his life when he reflected upon it all, he concluded that his pursuits had been rather worthless and empty. He realized that there was a spiritual dimension to existence, which also included how we interact with people. You can explore the writings of "wise" king Solomon in the biblical book of Ecclesiastes to see what he had observed about all this. You will find what he said both profound and mind-boggling, if you have never read it before.

One may not want to learn from the experiences of Solomon and countless others who have come to similar conclusions. A person may feel that they want to live life on his or her own terms without any outside interference. But in the end it will be quite unfortunate, as one arrives to the point where he or she regrets that nothing has truly been accomplished -- life had been nothing more than a party of unfulfilling memories, and no lasting relationships or deep personal values have ever been developed. We also didn't learn from the mistakes made and the lessons already learned from others. Making life a continual party also gets old.

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