More Reasons to Live for God for as Long as You Live

1. ***AFFIRMATION: To please the One Who made my salvation possible.***
   Matthew 25:23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'
   1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God.
2. ***INTENTION: To work with God to fulfill God's objective in saving me.***
   Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
   Colossians 1:28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.
   Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, [12] teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age…
3. ***LIGHT: To know what is true/false & right/wrong.***
   John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (cf. 1 John 1:5-7)
4. ***CONFIDENCE: To be able to look forward to Christ's coming.***
   1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
   1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.
5. ***FELLOWSHIP: To experience meaningful relationships w/ others.***
   1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
6. ***INFLUENCE: To help (not hinder) others around me.***
   1 Corinthians 8:12-13 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. *[family | church | world]*
7. ***PEACE: To have God's calmness in my life.***
   Isaiah 59:8 The **way of peace** they have not known, And *there is* no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way **shall not know peace**.
   Isaiah 57:21 "*There is* **no peace**," Says my God, "**for the wicked**."

8. ***POWER: To have God's strength to do what is right.***
   Galatians 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
   Hebrews 3:12-13 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; [13]but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
9. ***STABILITY: To have God-given maturity in this confusing world.***
   Col 2:6-8 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, [7] rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. [8] Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.
10. ***STEWARDSHIP: To make my life count for God & for eternity.***
    Matthew 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. [25] "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. [26] "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
    1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.
11. ***REWARDS: To receive the rewards God desires to give.***
    Matthew 10:41-42 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. [42] And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."
    Matthew 16:27 "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
    Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.
    2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
    Revelation 22:12 And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

12. _____: Living as the Dwelling Place of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

2 Cor 6:16 … For you are the temple of the living God. …

1 Cor 6:18-20 [19] Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, … and you are not your own? [20] For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God…

Isa 63:10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.

1 Thes 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

Acts 7:51 You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

13. _____: Yielding to God as God

a. My _____ Who created me and keeps me alive

1 Chron 16:26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

Psalm 100:3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Isa 42:5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it:

Isa 44:24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

Rom 1:18-25 [21] … although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God…, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

b. As the _____ One Who is sinless and cannot accept sin

Lev 11:45 For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Lev 20:26 And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

Isa 6:3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

Heb 12:14 Pursue … holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

1 Peter 1:14-16 [15] but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, [16] because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

1 John 3:3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Rev 4:8 … And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

c. As _____ Who rescued me from sin to live righteously

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us….

Eph 5:23 … Christ is head of the church; … the Savior of the body.

2 Tim 1:9-10 who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling…

1 John 4:14 … the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ … To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

d. As the _____ Who rules Me and the entire universe

Ex 20:3 You shall have no other gods before Me.

Deut 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

Deut 4:39 Therefore know this day…that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Joshua 24:15 "…choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve… But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

1 Kings 8:60 "that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD *is* God; *there is* no other.

Prov 21:30 There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the LORD.

Isa 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,

Isa 45:22 "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Jer 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, …his might, nor …in his riches; [24] But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

Matt 22:37 Jesus said to him, `You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'