

Simple Life: Simple Stuff

How do I make room for what matters most in my life?

1. Determine what I really want more of in life. (Luke 12:13-21 NLT)

(v. 21 NLT) Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth **but not have a rich relationship with God.**

(v. 21 NIV) This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves **but is not rich toward God.**

- Is the stuff I am wanting (or pursuing) getting in the way of what God has for me?
- Would I describe my relationship with God as rich?
- Am I rich toward God?
- Do I want more to build the kingdom of God?

“Since sin [greed] is deeper than bad behavior, trying to do better isn’t a solution. Only grace that changes the heart can rescue us.”

2. Find contentment in the Creator, not merely in what’s being created.
(Philippians 4:10-13 NLT)

Contentment isn’t settling for a lack of fulfilled desires; it’s living in such a way that your unfulfilled desires no longer determine your happiness.
(Philippians 4:12 NLT)

Disarm discontentment by:

- practicing generosity
- learning the benefit of waiting
- cultivating gratitude

3. Practice thanksgiving daily, not just annually.
(1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT)