

Better | Different
Week 4 - Simplicity
Text | Matthew 6:19-24
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The Gospel of Culture:

With more money and things you will be _____.

The Truth of Jesus:

Simplicity positions your life to be lived for that which truly
_____.

"Simplicity is an inward reality that can be seen in an outward lifestyle of choosing to leverage time, money, talents, and possessions toward what matters most."

-Richard Foster

Simplicity is not better _____.

Simplicity is not better organization of _____.

12 Rules of Simplicity from John Mark Comer in *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*

- 1) Before you buy something, ask yourself, What is the true cost of this item?
- 2) Before you buy, ask yourself, By buying this, am I oppressing the poor or harming the earth?
- 3) Never impulse buy.
- 4) When you buy, opt for fewer, better things.
- 5) When you can, share.

- 6) Get into the habit of giving things away.
- 7) Live by a budget.
- 8) Learn to enjoy things without owning them.
- 9) Cultivate a deep appreciation for creation.
- 10) Cultivate a deep appreciation for the simple pleasures.
- 11) Recognize advertising for what it is - propaganda. Call out the lie.
- 12) Lead a cheerful, happy revolt against the spirit of materialism.

The Challenge: This week start with your closet.

Reflection Questions:

- What in your life right now is suffering that really matters because of all the junk you've piled into your life?
- Do you really believe the teachings of Jesus really are the way that the world works? ... and that life isn't really found in an abundance of possessions?

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21