

Part 2: Simplicity

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Scripture: Matthew 6:19–34; Luke 16:13–15

“Simplicity is marked by a contented lifestyle that rests in God’s grace...”
— Michael G. Moriarty

The discipline of simplicity is the _____ act of not being tied to _____ of this world.

Jesus’ words on simplifying our lives

- Luke 16:13
- Luke 12:33
- Luke 12:15
- Luke 12:16–21
- Matthew 19: 16–22
- Matthew 6:19, 21
- Luke 6:30

Inner Simplicity

“Tilling of the _____ of the _____”

Outward Simplicity

“Simplicity is not so much about what we own, but about what _____.” –Christin Snyder

How do we practice this discipline outwardly?

1. _____!
2. Have a proper view of “_____”
3. Use your gifts for a greater _____!

Challenges this week

1. _____
2. _____

Additional Suggestions from Richard Foster

1. Buy things for their usefulness rather than their status.
2. Reject anything that is producing an addiction in you.
3. Develop a habit of giving things away.
4. Learn to enjoy things without owning them.
5. Develop a deeper appreciation for the creation (Psalm 24:1)
6. Obey Jesus’ instructions about plain, honest speech.
7. Reject anything that breeds the oppression of others (racism, sexism, and nationalism).
8. Shun anything that distracts you from seeking first the kingdom of God.

Further Study

- 1 Timothy 6:9, 17–19
- Psalm 62:10
- Leviticus 25:23
- Ephesians 5:5
- Hebrews 13:5
- Philippians 4:12