

Overhaulin' Simplicity

Text – Matthew 6:25-33

BIG IDEA: Simplicity is simply pursuing God and his purpose and plan for me, and letting everything fall in order behind that.

Inward Reality of Simplicity #1 – Recognize all I have is a gift from God (Mark 10:21)

Inward Reality of Simplicity #2 – Trust God to do whatever He wants with His stuff (Job 1:21)

Inward reality of simplicity #3 – Make God's stuff available for His purpose (**Acts 2:43-47**)

Two diagnostic questions: Do I own this thing, or does it own me?

AND...

Is this thing keeping me from simply pursuing God and his purpose and plan for me, and letting everything fall in order behind that?

The Outward Expression of Simplicity (Not a check list, Some things to consider)

- 1. Buy what you need for its usefulness, not its status.**
- 2. Time-saving devices don't!**
- 3. Reject anything that is producing an addiction in you.**
- 4. Develop a habit of giving things away.**
- 5. Share your stuff.**
- 6. Value people over stuff.**
- 7. Enjoy what you already have.**
- 8. Avoid financing whenever possible.**
- 9. Live with honesty and integrity.**
- 10. Take care of yourself**
- 11. BOTTOM LINE - Ditch anything that keeps you from simply pursuing God and his purpose and plan for you, and letting everything fall in order behind that.**