

# Managing My Margin

(Pastor Larry)

<sup>31</sup> Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> The people who don't know God keep trying to get these things, and your Father in heaven knows you need them. <sup>33</sup> **Seek first God's kingdom** and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well. <sup>34</sup> So don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will have its own worries. Each day has enough trouble of its own

*Matthew 6:31-34 (NCV)*

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1. Understand that Every **Yes** is a NO to something or **someone**!
2. Understand I will never **catch up** and worry changes nothing.
3. Say NO to many **good things** so I can say YES to the **best of things**.  
*You go ahead, go up to the Feast. Don't wait for me. I'm not ready. It's not the right time for me." John 7:8 (The Message)*

## Creating Healthy Margin

1. Turn it **off**.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. **1 Kings 19:11-12 (NIV)**
2. Make up a **schedule**. (With Godly Counsel)  
*... a wise person does the right thing at the right time (Ecclesiastes 8:5)*  
  
<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. **Matthew 16:17-18 (NIV)**  
  
*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)*
  - Start with A **Clean Slate**
  - Give God **First Place**
  - Schedule **Family & Personal** Time
  - **Schedule** in the Non-Negotiables
  - Don't fill in all your **Margin**
3. Don't miss out on God's **adventure**!  
*Come and see what God has done, the amazing things he has done for people. Psalm 66:5 (NCV)*

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I can be so busy **doing life** that I **miss out** on it!

**Resource on Time Management:**

- Class 301!
- “Choose to Cheat” – Andy Stanly <http://www.amazon.com/Choosing-Cheat-Wins-Family-Collide/dp/1590523296>

**Resources for Devotions:**

- Class 201
- [www.youversion.com](http://www.youversion.com)
- Kids:
  - o <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/spiritual-growth-for-kids/family-mealtime-devotionals/family-mealtime-devotionals>
- Teens
  - o Jim Burns: [www.homeward.com](http://www.homeward.com)