

Life Is Complicated

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I. Full Schedules & Empty Souls

II. Searching For Security

Mark 10:17-22

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Questions

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III. The Simple Life

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

Life is complicated. This complexity is largely derived from our competing desires. We want to advance in our careers & we also want to invest in our families. We want to be healthy & physically fit but we also want hot fudge sundaes & time to lounge on the couch. We want to reach the lost for Christ & see our church grow but we also want to serve God at our leisure & at our pace.

It's time to accept a difficult truth— humans are capable of simultaneously wanting things that are bad for them as well as things that are good. The original balance & order that was lost in the Fall has been replaced by a modern world full of illicit enticements & alluring distractions. Living amid such temptations can be confusing at times—especially when one genuinely wishes to pursue righteousness.

Who is to blame for these challenging circumstances? Does God expect & even impose upon His people— lives of overwhelming complexity? No. God is the author of order, the source of peace & the One who invites you into a life of focused purpose through a relationship with Christ.

God wants to bring order to chaos by reorienting your priorities & exchanging hope for fear & peace for insecurity. He understands your struggles & wants to be your guiding light through them. Are you willing to give God the control & allow Him the time to bring about the change you need?

Prayerfully invite God into your complicated life. Rejoice in His ability & willingness to simplify the clutter that brings stress, doubt & insecurity. Ask God to daily assert His lordship over your life & to give you the courage to follow Him faithfully.