

# REBOOT

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MARGIN: THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE BEYOND WHAT IS NECESSARY.

WHEN YOUR MARGIN DECREASES

- YOUR STRESS INCREASES
- YOUR DEPTH DECREASES

Matthew 11:28-30

*“Then Jesus said, **“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”**”*

Psalm 46:10

*“**Be still, and know that I am God!** I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.”*

Ephesians 5:12-17

*“So **be very careful** how you live, not being like those with no understanding, but **live honorably with true wisdom**, for we are living in **evil times**. Take full advantage of every day as you **spend your life for his purposes**. And don't live foolishly for then you will have **discernment to fully understand** God's will.”*

SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO SAY “NO” TO GOOD THINGS SO WE CAN SAY “YES” TO THE BEST THINGS.

Romans 12:2

*“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you** into a new person **by changing the way you think**. Then you will **learn to know God's will for you**, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*

WHAT'S MISSING?

- 1) REAL TIME WITH GOD

Matthew 6:33

*But seek **first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things*

*will be given to you as well.*

WHAT'S MISSING?

- 1) REAL TIME WITH GOD
- 2) PURPOSEFUL TIMES OF REST

Matthew 11:28-29

*Come to me, all you who are **weary and burdened**, and I will give you **rest**. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**.*

It takes intention and discipline to create FINANCIAL Margin

Matthew 6:19-21

*“Don’t store up **treasures here on earth**, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **Store your treasures in heaven**, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.**”*

PUT GOD FIRST IN YOUR FINANCES!

- 1) EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSINGS.

Malachi 3:10

**Bring the whole tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this,**” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much **blessing** that you will not have room enough for it.

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- 1) EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSINGS.
- 2) Find CONTENTMENT.

Proverbs 15:16

**Better a little** with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.

PUT GOD FIRST IN YOUR FINANCES!

- 1) EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSINGS.
- 2) Find CONTENTMENT.
- 3) YOU END UP WITH MORE OF WHAT MATTERS.

Proverbs 8:18-19

*With me are riches and honor. With me are lasting wealth and success. My fruit is **better** than fine gold. My gifts are **better** than the finest silver.*

## PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND TEMPTATION

James 1:13-15

*When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

**Flee** from **sexual immorality**... All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Ephesians 5:3

*But among you there must not be even a **hint of sexual immorality**...*

Isaiah 58:11

*The Lord will guide you always; **he will satisfy your needs** in a sun-scorched land and will **strengthen** your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

### **Talk it over:**

1. Do you feel like you are more or less busy these days since the Covid lockdown time?
2. According to Matthew 6:33 and Matthew 11:28-29 it seems like time with God should be priority #1 - why do we tend to struggle with making time for God in our lives?
3. Why do you think the Bible gives so much instruction related to rest, time with God, finances, and avoiding temptation?
4. Take some time to talk with your lifeGroup or family... come up with a strategy/challenge for creating margin in your lives as a group.