



How To Have A Life You Can Live With, Series
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Why Do We Do What We Do?

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." (Romans 12:1-2)

1. What kind of people would a worldly culture produce?
 - If we allow it, an ungodly culture will produce a sense of high paced, chaos in our lives. Chaos produces:
 1. Clutter
 2. An addiction to speed
 3. Multi-tasking
 4. Superficiality
 5. Relationship fatigue
 6. Spiritual emptiness
2. Why do we do what we do? Part of the answer is that we embrace the beliefs, goals, and priorities (patterns) of a fallen and ungodly world.

Is it completely the fault of culture? No. It is deeper than culture. We also do what we do because something is broken inside of us.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled with the measure of all the fullness of God."

(Ephesians 3:16-19)

3. Maybe we do not live in the fullness of the life and power that comes from God because we are not secure in our knowledge of Christ's love for us and in the value He places in us.
 - We may say "yes" to the chaos of culture because our sense of being loved and valued is broken.
 - Maybe we believe the lie that others will love us and value us if we say "yes" to them, their ideas and agendas.
 - We may say "yes" to an overwhelmed lifestyle because we are afraid we will miss out on life or fail at life.
 - If we allow it, the power of Christ's love working in us can produce:
 1. A commitment to the value of love
 2. A commitment to the value of community
 3. A commitment to the value of rest

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Declare war on the hurried pace of our lives.
- Choose to make God's values a priority in our lives.
- Take the first step. Say "no" to one item of busyness this week and say "yes" to one of God's values in its place.