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Hectic Lives Choke Out God's Voice

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. . . . The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. LUKE 8:7, LUKE 8: 14

I see people operating at what seems to be ten thousand RPMs day in and day out and their emotional engine red lined and about to explode! Almost every minute of every day is consumed by "the things of this world." You don't have to be overwhelmed!

It Is Time To Let Go Of Good Things That Just Don't Matter!

Genuine Christianity hangs on two facts, loving God first, so that you will be able to love people. If you are out of order in either your vertical (God) or horizontal (people) relationships you are in a thorny place. So how can we meet the relentless demands of work all day and then go home to face even more incessant demands with no time out? **You can't!** A life lived like this will choke out the voice of God. You are going to have to say; I'm going to pay whatever price it takes to weed my garden, if this doesn't happen you will never be able to lead a truly authentic Christian life?

"Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matt 22:37-40

Don't know where to start? Put the materialistic things in order first (wants vs needs, then clean house). Re-prioritize all activities, children; work, sports, video games, internet social sites, leisure time and second jobs. Do not think this will be easy, it will not! Re-establish the First Commandment as First and don't forsake assembling together with God's people. Be prepared to let go of some good things that don't matter.

It Is Time To Stop Being Choked By Good Things!

Application: Allow the still, small voice of God to guide, correct and affirm? Don't be choked by materialistic and social demands? Notice that the things we don't want (worries) and things we want (pleasures) can squeeze God out of our lives if they manage us instead of us managing them. If you don't fellowship with God's people you will cultivate spiritual anemia.