

SERIOUSLY, STOP! Part 3: "Seriously, Stop Complicating Things!"

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"<u>Aspire to lead a calm and peaceful life</u> as you mind your own business and earn your living, just as we've taught you."

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (TPT)

IF I WANT TO RESTORE ORDER AND SIMPLICITY TO MY LIFE, I NEED TO SERIOUSLY STOP...

1. ...LIVING UNDER GUILT

"Whenever our hearts make us feel guilty and remind us of our failures, <u>we know that God is</u> <u>much greater and more merciful than our</u> <u>conscience</u>, and he knows everything there is to know about us."

1 John 3:20 (TPT)

"But <u>if we own up to our sins</u>, God shows that He is faithful and just by forgiving us of our sins and

purifying us from the pollution of all the bad things we have done."

1 John 1:9 (TVB)

"<u>Confess and acknowledge how you have offended</u> <u>one another</u> and then pray for one another to be instantly healed, for tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!"

James 5:16 (TPT)

2. ...YIELDING TO CHAOS

"So <u>be very careful how</u> you live, not being like those with no understanding, but <u>live honorably</u> with <u>true wisdom</u>, for we are living in evil times. <u>Take full advantage of every day as you spend</u> your life for his purposes."

Ephesians 5:15-16 (TPT)

"Listen carefully, those of you who make your plans and say, 'We are traveling to this city in the next few days. We'll stay there for one year while our business explodes and revenue is up.' <u>The reality</u> is you have no idea where your life will take you tomorrow. You are like a mist that appears one moment and then vanishes another. <u>It would be best to say, "If it is the Lord's will and we live long</u> enough, we hope to do this project or pursue that dream."

James 4:13-15 (TVB)

"<u>Teach us to number our days</u> so that we may <u>truly</u> <u>live</u> and <u>achieve wisdom</u>."

Psalm 90:12 (TVB)

3. ...WALKING IN FEAR

"Look with wonder at the depth of the Father's marvelous love that he has lavished on us! <u>He has</u> <u>called us and made us his very</u> <u>own beloved children</u>."

1 John 3:1 (TPT)

"Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? Can troubles or problems or sufferings or hunger or nakedness or danger or violent death? As it is written in the Scriptures:

'For you we are in danger of death all the time. People think we are worth no more than sheep to be killed.' (Psalm 44:22)

But in all these things we are completely victorious through God who showed his love for us. Yes, I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor ruling spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, nor anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:35-39 (NCV)

<u>"I have chosen you, named you as My own</u>. When you face stormy seas <u>I will be there with you</u> with

endurance and calm; you will not be engulfed in raging rivers. If it seems like you're walking through fire with flames licking at your limbs, keep going; you won't be burned."

Isaiah 43:1-2 (TVB)

"So <u>we are convinced</u> that every detail of our lives is continually woven together <u>to fit into God's</u> <u>perfect plan of bringing good into our lives</u>, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose."

Romans 8:28 (TPT)