



PART 4 IMPORTANT OVER URGENT

We are the sum total of the choices we've made

- IF SATAN CAN'T MAKE YOU **BAD**, HE'LL MAKE YOU **BUSY**.
- IF YOU CHOOSE WHAT IS **IMPORTANT**, YOU WON'T DEAL WITH AS MANY THINGS THAT ARE **URGENT**.

LUKE 10:38-42 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

1. Create artificial _____
 2. Be ruthlessly selective in your _____
- THE BEST LEADERS DO NOT DO MORE, THEY DO MORE OF WHAT MATTERS MOST.
3. Do _____ what matters _____

"YOU CAN MAKE EXCUSES OR YOU CAN MAKE PROGRESS, BUT YOU CAN'T DO BOTH." - Seth Godin

BLANKS: DEADLINES, YESES, FIRST, MOST

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PART FOUR: URGENT OVER IMPORTANT

Pastor Craig Groeschel Lifechurch

TAKE IT WITH YOU...

1. IDENTIFY THE "IMPORTANT" SO U CAN CHOOOSE IT

Pastor Craig mentions several times that "time with Jesus" tops the list of the important. No argument there, but there are almost endless possibilities after that as far as what pulls us in different directions. There are many influences too. We see friends, relatives, coworkers or fellow students in the busy pursuit of things they have prioritized and often we feel like we should have the same urgency. Another college degree, a cleaner house, beach body, every sport, dance class or musical lesson our kids ever think they want to try...STOP! Pray, meditate, seek some counsel from wise people who love God and love you. IDENTIFY the (much shorter list) of what's really important rather than urgent.

2. STRUCTURE & RUTHLESS SELECTION SAVES

Many books have been written about this approach to American life and I have read a few. What's interesting is, (much like Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace), the thinking and the methods are actually very basic...and so hard to actually implement without great intention and discipline. We can do this with prayer, support (accountability) and discipline and we'll be more productive and peaceful because of it.

3. LET FREEDOM MOTIVATE

What this comes down to is being SET FREE from a lot of stress and pressure that isn't even important. Why do we do this to ourselves when peace and freedom are available and are what God actually desires for us?

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