



SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH



simplicity.

less is more

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# SIMPLICITY

**2 Cor 1:12 (NKJV)**

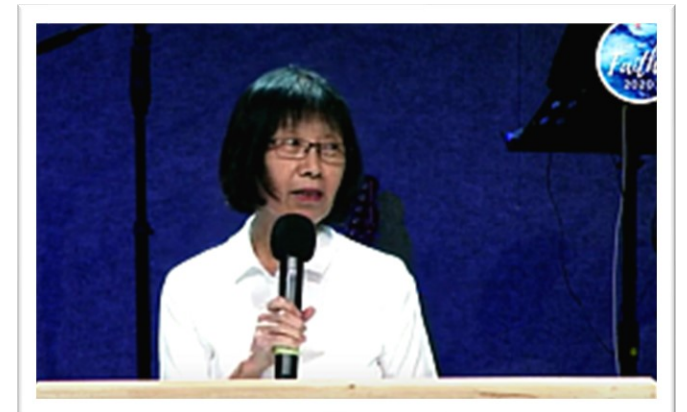
**we conducted ourselves in  
the world in simplicity  
(holiness) and godly sincerity**

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# Spiritual Discipline Series

- **Ps Phua (2-Aug-2020)**
  - Spiritual Discipline is a process
  - Strengthen our faith and greater trust God
  - Training and not punishment
- **Sis Poh Gaik (9-Aug-2020)**
  - Hungry (for God)
  - Humility
  - Hypocrisy
  - Who's at our gate?



# The Simplicity Survival Handbook

**BILL JENSEN**  
author of *Simplicity*

## 32 Ways to Do Less and Accomplish More

### HOW TO ...

- ✓ Deal with Bosses Who Don't Get It
- ✓ Delete 75% of Your Emails
- ✓ Communicate Anything to Anyone
- ✓ Clarify Your Goals More Quickly
- ✓ Decide: Stay or Go?

...PLUS 27 MORE



# Do less...



of the corporate silliness.

Ignore more of the noise and senseless  
stuff that comes your way.

You deserve better.

You deserve to spend more of your time  
and talent  
on what truly matters.





A large billboard for the Netflix documentary 'Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things'. The billboard features a minimalist design with a light background and a photograph of two men standing on a road in a desert landscape. The text is clean and modern, with the title in a large, bold font. The Netflix logo and 'NOW AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE' are prominently displayed at the bottom.



# MINIMALISM

A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE IMPORTANT THINGS



**NETFLIX**

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A night sky filled with numerous stars of varying brightness, set against a dark blue background. In the lower portion of the frame, the dark, rugged silhouette of a mountain range is visible, with some peaks catching a faint light. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

A film by Matt D'Avella

# Simplicity



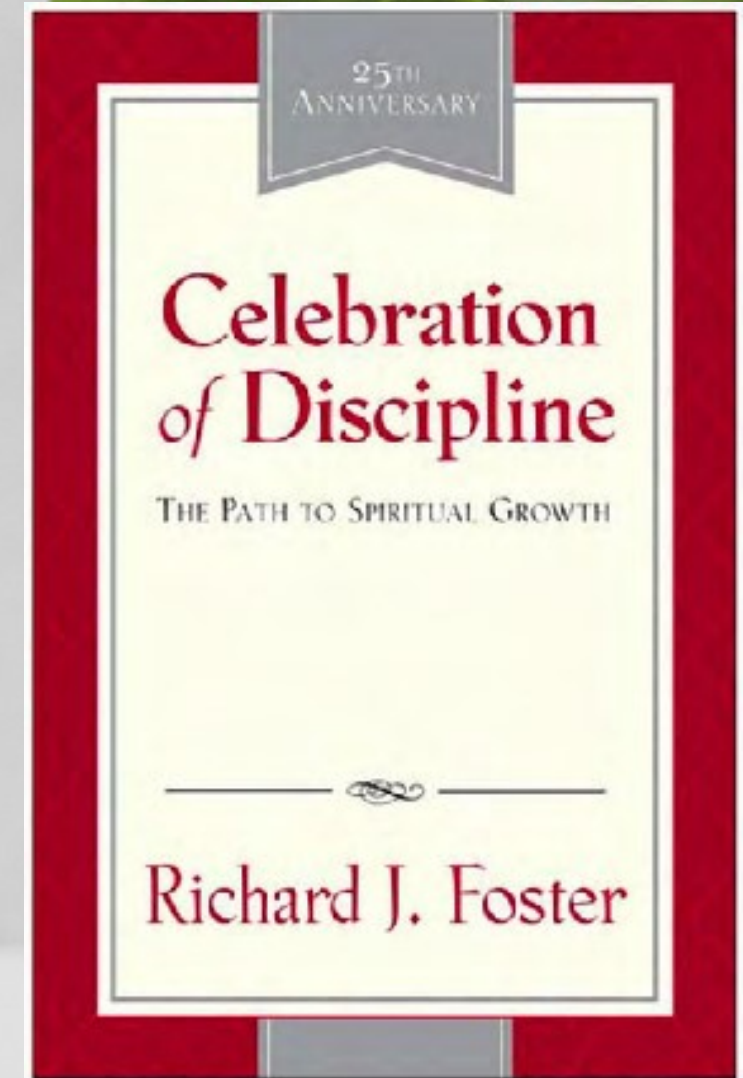
- ἀπλότητι **haplotes** (hap-lot'-ace)
- Several times in New Testament  
Rom 12:8, 2 Cor 1:12, 2 Cor 8:2, 2 Cor 9:11,  
2 Cor 9:13, 2 Cor 11:3, Eph. 6:5, Col 3:22
- singleness of heart, sincerity, purity,  
generosity, bountifulness, without self-  
seeking
- the virtue of one who is free from pretense  
and hypocrisy



# Celebration of Discipline



- The central point...seek the kingdom of God and the righteousness of His kingdom first, then everything necessary will come in its proper order.
- None shall come before kingdom of God, including the desire of a simple life style.
- Simplicity sets possession in proper perspective, genuinely enjoyed without destroying us





# Inward

- Focus upon the kingdom of God produces inward reality.
- A life of joyful unconcern for possessions.
- Freedom of anxiety – nothing to do with abundance or the lack
  - What we have we receive as a gift from God
  - What we have is to be cared for by God
  - What we have is available to others



# Outward



- Inner reality is not a reality until there's an outward expression (life-style).

1. Usefulness
2. Reject addiction
3. Habit of giving things away
4. Refuse to be custodian of modern gadget
5. Enjoy things without owning
6. Appreciation of the creation
7. Healthy skepticism at “buy then pay later” bondage
8. Honesty and integrity
9. Reject oppression of others
10. Let your mind go over and not into the things -

- Temptation towards legalism without inward reality.



**Simplicity does not  
necessary mean cheapness,  
but resonate with durability,  
usability and beauty.**

***Freedom of Simplicity,***  
***Richard Foster***



# Work Place 5S

- Lean Principle –
- eliminate waste and maintain an efficient, safe, and clean work environment



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# 5S for better spiritual life

- Eliminate distraction, maintain a healthy and growing relationship with God

Standardise – daily schedule time with God

Sustain – Self Discipline

Shine – clean heart

Sort – remove distraction from loving God

Set in order – soak in the Word



# Simplicity 5S



- Our Relationship
- Our Lives
- Our Testimonies
- Our Ownership
- Our Mission





# #1 Simplicity in Salvation

- Sincerity of mind toward Christ, i.e. single-hearted, pure and devotional faith in Christ (2 Cor 11:3)
- Who are we having breakfast with daily? (John 21:12)
- Whose voice are we hearing? (John 10:27)

# #2 Simplicity in Surrendering



- Sovereignty of God

- > Calming of storm (Mk 4)
- > Chasing out of demon (Mk 5)
- > Feeding of 5,000 (Mk 6);

He is sovereign over natural, spiritual and physical realms

- Approaching God

- Pray – 1 Pet 3:12 (Ps 34:15-16)
- Refuge – Psa 46:1-2
- Peace – John 16:33



# #3 Simplicity in Setting Apart



- Process of continuous holiness; sanctification
  - Speech, Action, Lifestyle, Ethics
- Let a Yes be Yes in communication (Matt 5:37 KJV)
- So they can see the Christ who is in us (John 13:35)

# #4 Simplicity in Stewardship



- Centrality of God
- Benefactor vs Beneficiary
- Serve; follow; honour (John 12:26)

**Life**

**God**

We live a life depending on the space we got

We live a life depending on God to allocate us space

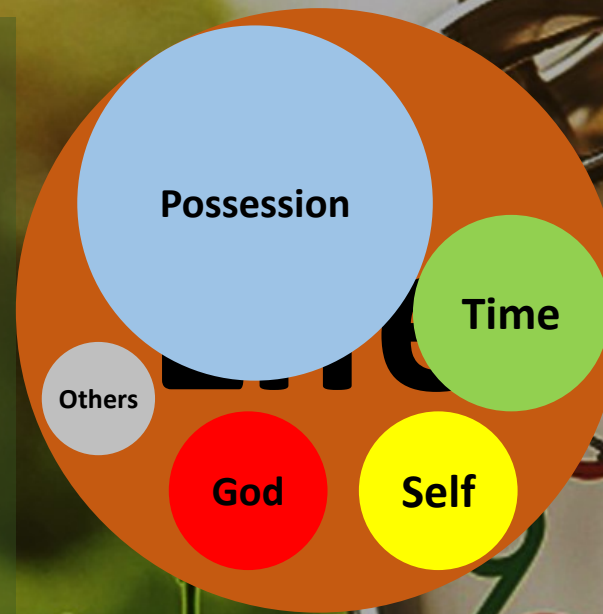
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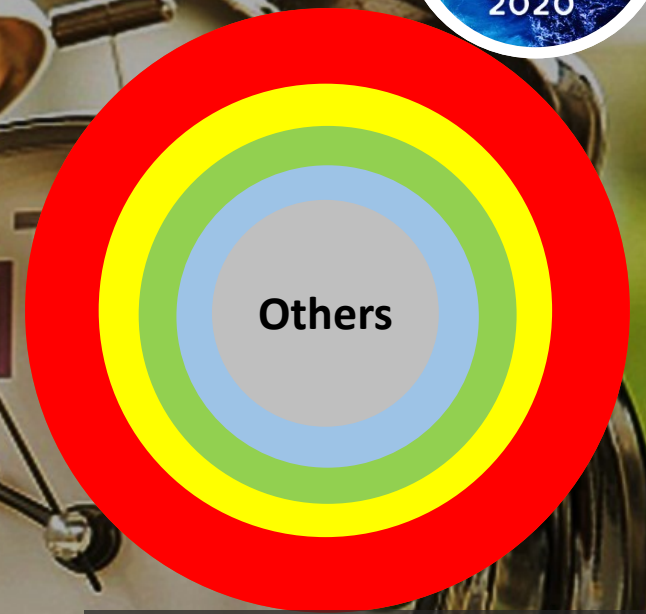
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# #5 Simplicity in Sharing (*Faith*)



- Always be prepared
  - Our story
  - Our faith (1 Pet 3:15)
  - Our presence
  - Our hands
- Do it for His glory Col 4:5-6
  - Make the most of every opportunity



# Simplicity in New Normal



CORONAVIRUS AND  
**CHRIST**



JOHN PIPER

The coronavirus is God's thunderclap call for all of us to repent and realign our lives with the infinite worth of Christ.

# Simplicity 5S





# **Simplicity - Less is More**

- 1. Simple yet being focused on and honoring God (Matt 6:33)**
- 2. Simple yet being trusting and pleasing God (1 Cor 10:31, John 4:34)**
- 3. Simple yet being God's powerful servant (Acts 1:8)**