

The Gift That Only You Can Give to Yourself

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 NIV)

The gift that only you can give to yourself is MARGIN.

Three areas we need margin in: TIME, FINANCES, and RELATIONSHIPS.

- The enemy of margin: PEOPLE-PLEASING.
- The enemy of margin: IMAGE and DISCONTENTMENT.
- The enemy of margin: PERSONAL AMBITION.

We find rest when we LEARN from Jesus.

- Be GOD-PLEASING, instead of people-pleasing.
"...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33 NIV)
- Focus on your IDENTITY IN CHRIST, instead of image and what you lack.
"...'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" (Mark 1:11 ESV)
- Focus on OBEDIENCE, instead of personal ambition.
"...'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing..." (John 5:19 ESV)

We find rest when we take JESUS' yoke and let Him carry our burdens.