

*Discovering and confronting
the Spiritual Roadblocks
in our lives.*



What are they?

- > Anything that delays/slows the growth of your faith
- > A nagging area of doubt or confusion
- > Something that is blocking your understanding of God's purposes



Are roadblocks good or bad?

- + They cause us to stop, investigate and discover new truths.
- They cause us to slow or completely stop our journey of deeper understanding.



**THE
CHURCH**



WORSHIP STYLES



**MY
SPOUSE**



RULES



**NO MORE
FUN!**



Roadblock Warnings ::

By not confronting our roadblocks ...

- > run the risk of entering into a season of spiritual weakness**
- > our potential effectiveness to share God's love with others is weakened**



**GOOD
INTENTIONS**

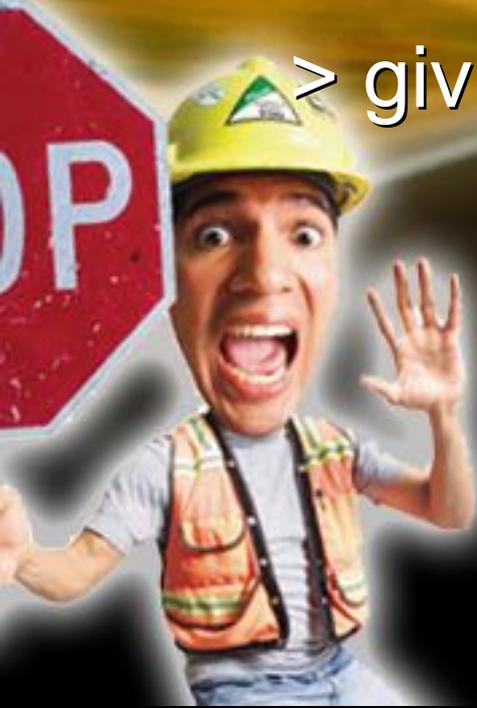


Good Intentions ::

The idea of always planning on spending more time ...

- > reading/learning the Bible
- > praying for yourself & others
- > serving others for the Lord
- > giving more; taking less

... and taking no action!



The Cause ::

The distraction of hurry (or busyness)

- > overcommitting ourselves
- > overcommitting our kids
- > living with every minuted planned out
- > perfecting the art of multi-tasking



The Result ::

This can lead us down the path toward:

> Superficiality

“Superficiality is the curse of our age ... The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.”

Richard Foster in “The Celebration of Discipline”



The Result ::

This can lead us down the path toward:

- > Superficiality
- > Spiritual drifting
- > Stressed & worn out disciples
- > Sunset Fatigue sets in



The Cure ::

In order to break the back of “Good Intentions,” you must ruthlessly rid your life of “hurry.”

- > Learn the art of “Slowing”
- > Practice moments of “Solitude”
- > Fix your attention on God



The Cure ::

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.



The Cure ::

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.



The Cure ::

Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Romans 12:1-2 (The Message)



The Cure ::

Disciplined living will lead to ...

- > Spiritual integrity
- > Focused direction
- > Balanced disciples with purpose
- > Strength for the journey





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ROAD
BLOCKS