The Why, The What, The How

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INTRODUCTION

- Senec talks in his book about the success of certain companies because they know their why.
- It is the clarity of our why that produces the what, and we're always discussing and talking about the how of accomplishing the what.

1 Jesus' Clarity of Why

Luke 19:10; John 8:29; John 17:4

- The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.
- I always do the things that are pleasing to the Father. That was his why.
- If we are Jesus' disciples, then this has to be our why as well.
- I think we lose sight of our why, and that affects our what.

2 The Clarity of Our Why

John 12:48; Romans 6

- We must forever remember our creator, that we are completely dependent upon him.
- He alone is qualified, and He alone is capable of saving us. And we need Him desperately.
- The word that Jesus has spoken, the same shall judge us in the last day.
- The very nature of obedience and service elevates our lives.
- Jesus said more about hell than any other New Testament spokesman warning us about going to that place and taking whatever actions necessary.

3 Involvement in the Local Church

1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 2

- I'm committed to this and committed to you, and you're to be committed to me because of our why.
- You are by one Spirit, all baptized into one body.
- The goal of the product is that we be unified as God is unified.
- We need to get the focus off of ourselves. And the focus on others. Because Jesus' focus was upon others.

4 Our Behavior in the Community

1 Peter 3:8

- We should see our mission to be light in the world.
- People who don't render evil for evil, but overcome evil with good.

- Let all be harmonious and sympathetic, brotherly, kind hearted, humble in spirit, not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead.
- We've been called to be light to the world. To imitate the character of our king.

5 In Our Homes and Our Private Moments

1 Corinthians 7

- This will most likely be the area or arena of our greatest failure.
- If you don't deal with your wife in an understanding way, your prayers will be hindered.
- We're commanded to think on things that are excellent. Things that are virtuous and things worthy of praise.
- We are about excellence. Our Lord was about excellence. And he has called us to excellence.

6 The Discipline of How

- Don't be children of this world, be children of light who realize the importance of the soul above all those other things.
- What kind of scheming are we doing to be spiritual successes?
- Are we using those things and that kind of technology to accomplish the Lord's will?

THE CHALLENGE

What's the motivating factors in your life? Why are you doing what you're doing?

MY NOTES