

Priorities

1.8.23

LEARNING TO SAY NO
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1) Why We Say 'Yes' Instead of 'No'

- We don't want to _____ people
- "No one else _____ do it"
- Someone really _____ me to do it
- Fear of _____ out (FOMO!)
- We crave a sense of _____
- We're seeking God's _____
- We're people-_____
- We don't want to feel guilty or _____
- We don't think it's _____ to say, 'no' to good people or worthy causes

2) Jesus Said No:

- To _____ human requests
(Luke 12:13-14; 4:42-43; Mark 5:19)
- To the demands of the _____
(Matt 12:38-39; John 6:34-35)
- To common-sense _____
(Luke 9:12-13; Matt 8:21-22; Luke 19:39-40)
- To His close _____
(John 11:3-6; Matt 20:21-22; Luke 9:54-56; Mark 8:32-33; Acts 1:6-7)

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- 1) **Prayerfully take _____ of what's on your schedule** – asking yourself: ‘Are there things that have found their way onto my calendar because I didn't say no to when I needed to?’
- 2) **Who are the people, activities, or things that are _____ to say no to?** And then ask: ‘Why is difficult to say no to those things? Is it because it's more fun than doing what you should be doing? Or because you're concerned with someone's opinion? Or because you're afraid of appearing lazy or missing out?’ Try to get underneath the reasons it's difficult to say ‘no.’
- 3) _____ **where you've failed to say ‘no,’** receiving Christ's forgiveness and Christ's resume of perfectly living out God's priorities. The gospel isn't just about pardon for sin; it also includes God seeing you as having perfectly lived out His priorities in your life – even when you haven't!
- 4) **Commit to say ‘_____’ when you need to,** asking God to help you follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who also needed to say ‘no’ – so that He could keep saying ‘yes’ to His Father's will.

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YOUR NEXT STEP

- I AM PUTTING MY TRUST IN JESUS AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR
- I AM INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED
- I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A MINISTRY TEAM

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