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## How to Jettison the Junk in the Trunk

*(There are no shortcuts to anyplace worth going)*  
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### 3 Facts About Christianity

It is complex but not **complicated**.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."  
(Genesis 1:1 NIV)

It is simple but not **simplistic**.

It is cause and **result**.

"**Whoever does not love does not know God**, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8 NIV)

### 3 Ways to Complicate Your Life

Let your emotions **lead you**.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12 NIV)

Assume what is common is **normal**.

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity**, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people." (Ephesians 5 NIV)

Confuse God's mercy for **God's approval**.

"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31 NIV)

### How to Simplify Your Life

Make **truth** your core **value**.

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**' They answered him, 'We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?'" (John 8:31-33 NIV)

Make few **BIG promises**; **then keep them**.

"You ask, 'Why?' It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. 'I hate divorce,' says the LORD God of Israel, 'and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,' says the LORD Almighty. **So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.**" (Malachi 2:14-16 NIV)

Define **enough** before **more**.

"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.' And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.'" (Luke 12:15-16 NIV)