



Biblical Productivity

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The Foundation of Productivity



"An understanding of productivity needs to begin with an understanding of the reason you exist."

"Productivity is not what will bring purpose to your life but what will enable you to excel in living out your existing purpose."

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The Reason You Exist #1

Live for the Glory of God



"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever."

Romans 11:36

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31

The Reason You Exist #2

Live for the Good of Others



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5: 16

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:8

**“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”**

— John Wesley

Quote

Biblical Productivity



"Productivity is effectively
stewarding your gifts,
talents, time, energy, and
enthusiasm for the good
of others and the glory of
God"

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Definition

Biblical Productivity



What can we learn from Paul's example?

Focused on Grace

Understands his Calling

Diligent, Faithful and Flexible

Trusting God for the Fruit

- **1 Corinthians 15 vs 9-10**

I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is within me.

- **1 Corinthians 15 vs 58**

Therefore, my beloved brothers be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Personal Leadership

(Where are we going?)

- Define your present God-given roles.
- Define your Priorities and set your goals.
- Recognise where God has placed you.
- Recognise the people where God has positioned you to serve.

Personal Management

(How do we get there?)

- Plan your Calendars.
- To-Do Lists.
- Organise your work flows.
- Identify the tools and apps you need.
- Plan your holiday and leisure time.
- Projects

CAPACITY
80%

DONT RUN AT 100%





REST



REFRESH



REPENT



Why efficiency is not the answer.

- Efficiency Tactics don't always work
- Becoming more efficient can actually make things worse.
- Efficiency can sometimes be the enemy of innovation and creativity.



The Key Principle of Productivity.

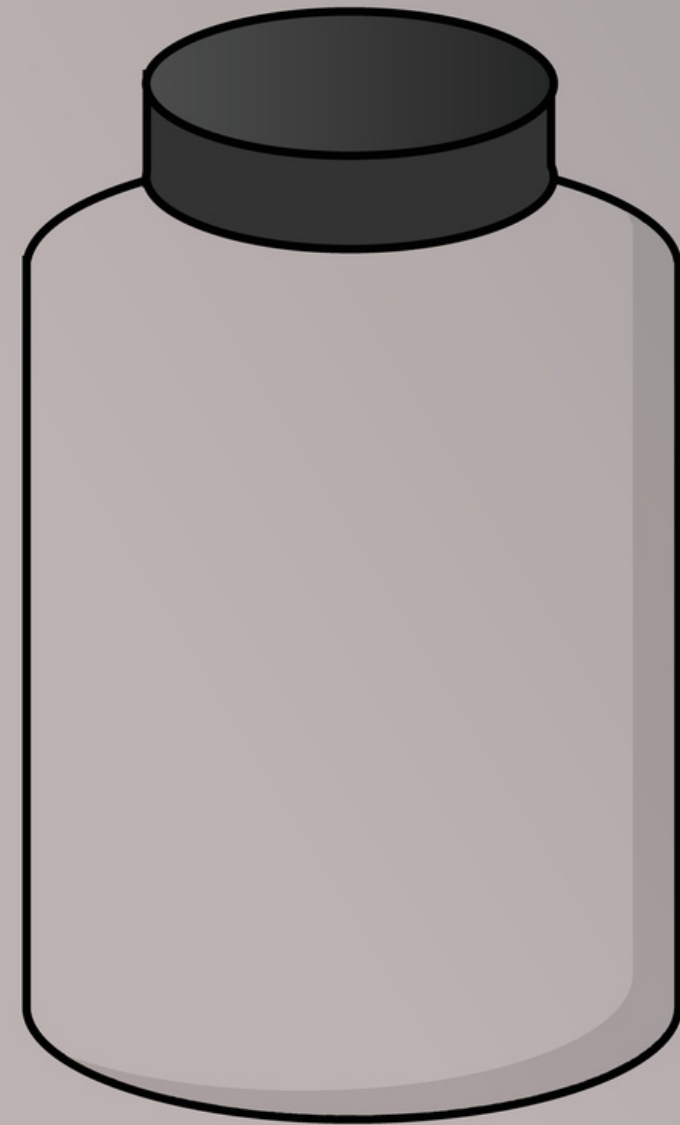
Prioritise what's most important
and do that first.

The secret of effectiveness is to know what really counts, then do what really counts and not worry about the rest.

Rick Warren

Putting
Most
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things in
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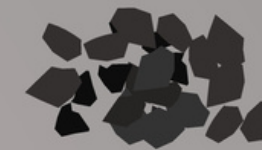
The Rocks, Pebbles, and Sand



The most
important things



Important
but could live
without it



The small stuff



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