

# margins

**\*Identity: Consumer or Christ Follower** Ephesians 2:1-10  
Definition of Margin: *The space between my current activity and my limits.*

Consumers see the world as a resource to satisfy their desires.

Christ followers see the world as the stage to show off Christ.

Act 1: Helplessly and Hopelessly Dead

Act 2: Graciously and Powerfully Resurrected

Act 3: Vividly and Beautifully Displayed

## Implications:

1. Don't waste your life on trivia.
2. Maximize your impact. By serving.

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# creating margins

Set aside time during your week (add some margin!) to reflect on the following questions. This can be done individually, with your family, or in a small group.

1. Evaluate your attitude toward the world. Do you look at the world as a playground for your enjoyment? Do you see things and people as existing to satisfy your needs? How do you feel about this?
2. What does it mean to be "dead" in your transgressions and sins? (See Eph. 2:1) do you tend to view your life before Jesus as dead to God or something else? Explain.
3. How is God's love different than human love? (See 1John 4:7-21). What kind of life does that love motivate you to pursue?
4. Evaluate your life in light of your call to be God's workmanship in the world? How do you use this understanding of your life in deciding priorities?



## Memory Verse:

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*