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Renew

(Striking the right balance between HAVE TO and GET TO)

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“Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are **new every morning**; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV)

4 Enemies of Balance

The enemy of **greed**.

The enemy of **jealousy**.

The enemy of **entitlement**.

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except **the continuing debt to love one another**, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.” (Romans 13:8 NIV)

The enemy of **apathy**.

“I know your deeds, that you are **neither cold nor hot**. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.” (Revelation 3:15-17 NIV)

Which are you?

Do you live “**have to**” or “**get to**”?

Do you live “**could do**” or “**must do**”?

Do you live as a “**victim**” or “**victor**”?

“No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.” (Romans 8:37 NLT)

4 Dimensions of Renewal

You need to renew your **mind**.

“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:2 NLT)

You need to renew your **commitments**.

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those **who hope in the LORD will renew their strength**. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:28-31 NIV)

You need to renew your **affections**.

“You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: **You have forsaken your first love**. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” (Revelation 2:3-5 NIV)

You need to renew your **energy**.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” (Romans 12:1 NLT)