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# How to Create Insanely Great Stuff

(Why you'll need to break your brain out of jail) (SERIES; Moo Out Loud 02 of 06) by Dr. David Foster

# Free Your Mind

#### From the tyranny of the trivial.

"Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore I tell you, do not **worry** about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. <u>And how much more valuable you are</u> than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life ? . . . . seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." (Luke 12:22-31 NIV)

#### From the merry-go-round of 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. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'" (Luke 12:15-21 NIV)

#### From your irrational fear of God.

"If you rebuke a mocker, you will only get a smart retort; yes, he will snarl at you. So don't bother with him; he will only hate you for trying to help him. But a wise man, when rebuked, will love you all the more. Teach a wise man, and he will be the wiser; teach a good man, and he will learn more. For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. **Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding**." (Prov 9:7-10 TLB) If you conform, you will be rewarded.

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, . . . ." (Romans 8:29 NIV)

#### If you perform, you will be loved.

"Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! So Jesus told them this story: 'If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? .... In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!" (Luke 15:1-7 NLT)

If you confess, you will be crushed.

# Say This Over and Over

#### I have a standing.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." (1 John 3:1 NIV)

## I have a calling.

## I have a ministry.

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Cor 5:18-19 NIV)

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