

**The Challenge – Week 1
John Wesley Sermon Notes
Craig Finnestad**

1. Chase the right God.

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? –Matthew 16:26

When I have money, I get rid of it quickly, lest it find a way into my heart.

**Earn all you can.
Save all you can.
Give all you can.**

2. Love God's most important possession—all of them.

When Jehu left there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him. Jehu said to him, "Is your heart right with my heart as mine is with yours?" And Jehonadab answered, "It is." Jehu said, "If it is, give me your hand." So Jehonadab gave him his hand, and Jehu took him up into the war-wagon with him. -2 Kings 10:15

Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may.

**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.**

3. Practice prayer, not panic.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. -Philippians 4:6

I have never known more than fifteen minutes of anxiety or fear. Whenever I feel fearful emotions overtaking me, I just close my eyes and thank God that He is still on the throne reigning over everything and I take comfort in His control over the affairs of my life.

And best of all God is with us.

4. Develop your faith daily, not in a day.

Nothing short of God can satisfy your soul.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. -2 Peter 3:18

- 1. Put it on your to-do list**
- 2. Put it on your calendar**
- 3. Plan for success**
- 4. Have somebody help you**

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and
service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.**