

Barriers to simple living

Directions: Use this list of simple ideas as a way to start conversations in a group interested in lifestyle matters. Each sentence or idea might represent a thought, feeling or activity that gets in the way of God's people living joyfully and with contentment. Perhaps you can add to the list.

1. As soon as I get enough money to live on, I'll start being generous.
2. Get what you can get while you can get it.
3. The Lord helps those who help themselves.
4. What right do you have in judging how I should live my life?
5. There's nothing wrong with being comfortable, is there?
6. Simple living is too hard to think about right now. Maybe later, okay?
7. I really enjoy shopping; it makes me feel good about myself.
8. My lifestyle comes as a reward for my hard work in life; I deserve it.
9. It's a free country.
10. All this church wants is money; that's all the pastor talks about.
11. It's my money; I earned it and I'll do with it what I want to.
12. I work hard for the sake of my children.
13. I'm a good person down deep.
14. Slow down? And watch everyone else pass me by?
15. Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.
16. You want me to change my way of living? Why? What good would it do?
17. _____
18. _____