

Simplicity starter vocabulary

Directions: Use these words and phrases as subject matter for prayers, small group sharing, poetry and letter-writing. Make concept maps by grouping words and phrases into “families”; find photos and advertisements that illustrate these words and phrases; build bulletin boards around these concepts.

Avarice	Contentment	Displeasure
Fear of death	Shopping addiction	Generosity
Information overload	Giving away one’s life	Sense of entitlement
Poverty of spirit	Joy in simplicity	The mind of Christ
The way of the cross	Brain’s pleasure center	Peer pressure
More	Sufficiency	Ebullience
Enough	Celebrate	Suffer
Hermit	Gratitude	Small and beautiful
Death by slow degree	Materialism	Over-extended
Overweight	Unburdened	Guilt
One’s lot in life	Pay now or pay later	Truth wins out
Giving and receiving	Living with less	Living with more
Godly	Self-sacrifice	Rewards
Grace	Sinful nature	God will provide
Fear of running out	Hoarding	Speed kills
Overkill	McMansions	Living beyond one’s means
Television programs	Fast food	Fast cars
Smell the flowers	Toxic lifestyle	Voluntary simplicity
Forced simplicity	Blessing	Dying with the most toys
Stewardship	Career goals	Promotion
Taste and see that the Lord is good		