

# WEEK THREE:

## MEMORY VERSE

2 COR. 3:11

**BUT I FEAR LEST SOMEHOW,  
AS THE SERPENT DECEIVED  
EVE BY HIS CRAFTINESS SO  
YOUR MINDS MAY BE  
CORRUPTED FROM THE  
SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN  
CHRIST.**

Key word for the week:

SIMPLICITY

Swindoll shares, “Our journey toward intimacy includes the discipline of simplicity, which by its exercise, leaves you with more time, not less. And, because this discipline is an exercise in subtraction, the fruit of it is additional room- margin, some call it- to enjoy a long lasting, satisfying, rewarding intimate relationship with God.”

Two perspectives on the ‘Quality of Life’

Henry Thoreau: “Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify. Simplify.”

Lewis Chafer: “Much of our activity today is little more than a cheap anesthetic to deaden the pain of an empty life.”

The idea that our lives can be wasted away by the unimportant and mundane is not a comfortable idea to get our minds around. Our most precious commodity is ‘TIME’. In order to cultivate a depth of devotion to Jesus we must unclutter our lives. We must choose to ‘simplify’ in order to make room for something of greater value. Making time, deliberately seeking out a place of quiet seclusion will help us to unclutter our lives and as Charles Swindoll puts it, “weed the garden of our minds to make room for something beautiful to grow”. If we want a devotion to the Lord that is pure and genuine; a relationship that is alive and growing and impacting our daily lives; we must choose to spend time with Jesus. We must make our ‘alone’ time our most prized possession and the intimacy we long for can and will be attained!