



questions for reflection

series: "The Intentional Life"

Have you ever thought you were too busy to plan, too broke to budget or too overwhelmed to connect with community? All too often we live in a reactive haze, just trying to catch our breath before the onslaught of the next thing in life. With summer in view, we want to live in an intentional way where we get the full benefit of our relationships with others, our resources and our time with God. So join us as TNL explores The Intentional Life.

part 4:

"Our Freedoms"

by Chip Anderson on Tuesday May 26, 2009

What aspect of your life do you sense God asking you to be more intentional about right now?

What areas of life do you feel most unintentional about?

Chip gave a list of topics that the Bible does not expressly command or condemn.

- Can you add any to the list?

What "gray issues" have you seen other people create rules or regulations out of?

- Why do you think they do this?
- How have you seen these people react when others disagree with them?

What advice would you give to a person struggling (toward license or legalism) with a gray area?

John 8:36 quotes Jesus saying, "So if the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- In what areas of your life have you felt this freedom?
- How have you been set free?
- In what areas of your life have you not felt this freedom?

When engaging in your freedoms, which do you need to be intentional about:

- The Rule: Love before freedom?
- The Reality: Some are not as free as others ?
- The Responsibility: Exercise maturity?

How have you been hurt by some not being intentional about their freedoms?

How have you been helped by someone being intentional about their freedoms?

How would you know if you are abusing any of the freedoms you have in Christ?

- Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-13
- What two things do we need to keep in mind when exercising our freedom in those areas where the Bible does not command or condemn? (?it yb deretsam eb l naC and ?laicifeneb ti sl)

Think back over the entire series, which "Intentionality" challenged you the most?

- Why?