

BELIEF
RIGHTEOUSNESS
LOVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
LOVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
LOVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
LOVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
LOVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS

This Is How
We Know

1 JOHN

LEAD Class

Gospel - Driven Productivity

Matt Perman

October 13-14, 2023

Register online

EXPANDED EDITION

what's best next

HOW THE GOSPEL TRANSFORMS THE
WAY YOU GET THINGS DONE



MATT PERMAN

FOREWORD BY JOHN PIPER

EXPANDED EDITION

what's best next

HOW THE GOSPEL TRANSFORMS THE
WAY YOU GET THINGS DONE



MATT PERMAN

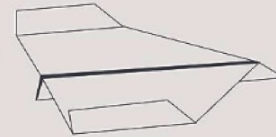
FOREWORD BY JOHN PIPER

AUTHOR OF WHAT'S BEST NEXT

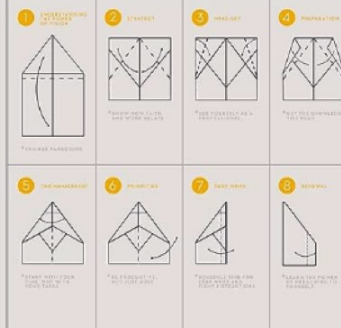
MATT PERMAN

HOW TO GET

UN STUCK



BREAKING
FREE
FROM
BARRIERS
— TO —
YOUR
PRODUCTIVITY



LEAD Class

Gospel - Driven Productivity

Matt Perman
October 13-14, 2023
Scan to register





Oh, magnify the LORD
with me, and let us
exalt his name
together!

Psalm 34:3



“Today, for the first time in all the history of the human race, a great nation is able to make and is willing to make a commitment to eradicate poverty among its people.”

Lyndon B. Johnson

“The days of the dole in this country are numbered.”

Lyndon B. Johnson

“The conquest of poverty is well within our power.”

Lyndon B. Johnson

Poor No More

Rethinking Dependency
and the War on Poverty



Peter Cove

Poor No More

Rethinking Dependency
and the War on Poverty



Peter Cove

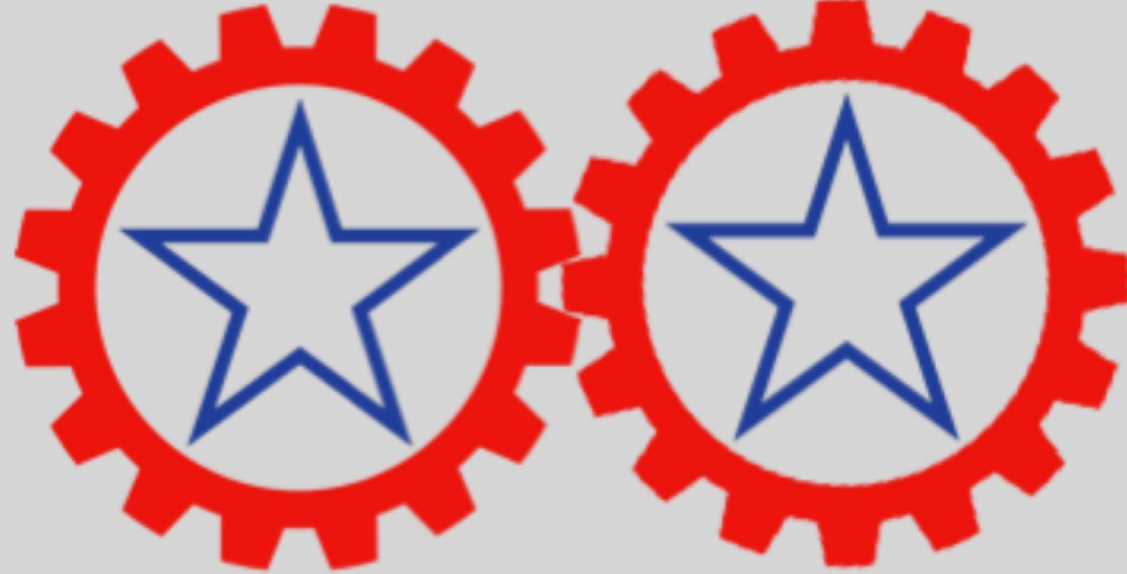
“The War on Poverty, though begun in earnest, has turned into a war on the poor themselves.

“I was there. I believed we had a calling that was noble and right.

“I wish that I had then the knowledge and perception to understand that we were creating the forces that would perpetuate and increase dependency.

“Only now, through the prism of time, do I understand why the war failed.”

Peter Cove



AMERICA WORKS
Network of Companies

“Getting a job, if you are able-bodied, is a crucial first step to success for multiple reasons inherent to American culture

“Employment not only is the best avenue to economic security, but also makes you an important, positive, adult role model for children.

“You continually develop new skills, learn new things, and build a record of employment that can lead to a better job and further education or skill training in the future.”

Peter Cove

“No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Some Questions

Some Questions

1. Why **now**?

Some Questions

1. Why now?
2. Why **this style**?

Some Questions

1. Why now?
2. Why this style?
3. Who is he **addressing**?

Are these ...

Are these ...

- **age groups**?

Are these ...

- age groups?
- clusters of **spiritual maturity**?

Are these ...

- age groups?
- clusters of spiritual maturity?
- three characteristics of **all Christians**?

Are these ...

- age groups?
- clusters of spiritual maturity?
- three characteristics of all Christians?
- all believers, some **old**, some **young**?

Some Questions

1. Why now?
2. Why this style?
3. Who is he addressing?
4. What is his **primary point**?

Three Signs of Life

Three Signs of Life

- **belief** (theological)

What do I believe about Jesus?

Three Signs of Life

- belief
- **obedience** (ethical/moral)

How am I living this out?

Three Signs of Life

- belief
- obedience
- **love** (relational/social)

Am I loving others?

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1 John 2:15

“I am writing to you ...”

“I am writing to you ...”

- because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake

“I am writing to you ...”

- because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake
- because you know him who is from the beginning (2x)

“I am writing to you ...”

- because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake
- because you know him who is from the beginning (2x)
- because you have overcome the evil one (2x)

“I am writing to you ...”

- because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake
- because you know him who is from the beginning (2x)
- because you have overcome the evil one (2x)
- because you know the Father

“I am writing to you ...”

- because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake
- because you know him who is from the beginning (2x)
- because you have overcome the evil one (2x)
- because you know the Father
- because you are strong and the Word of God abides in you

If you are ignorant of what God has done in your life, you will be intimidated by what he is going to do!

Why are we often blind to the spiritual momentum in our lives?

1. We trust our **feelings** more **than God**.

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

1 John 2:1-2

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

1. We trust our feelings more than God.
2. We misinterpret **pain**.

“Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

John 15:2

1. We trust our feelings more than God.
2. We misinterpret pain.
3. We confuse **truly good** with **perfectly good**.

1. We trust our feelings more than God.
2. We misinterpret pain.
3. We confuse **truly good** with **perfectly good**.

“We must distinguish between truly good and perfectly good.” Francis Turretin

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”

Philippians 3:12

1. We trust our feelings more than God.
2. We misinterpret pain.
3. We confuse truly good with perfectly good.
4. We **devalue** the significance of an **ordinary life**.

“No matter where we live as Christians, life will be filled with a lot of the same things: eating, sleeping, cleaning, laughing, crying, or taking care of kids, going to church ...

“praying, reading our Bibles, trying to get along with others, and seeking to make a difference in others’ lives.

“If God isn’t happy with a ‘normal’ life, he’s not going to be happy with most of us, because normal is what most of our days are like.

“One of the great disservices we have done the church is to let people think that getting married, having children, staying married, taking those children to church,

“teaching those children about the faith,
buying shoes, and training those children to
be kind and courageous Christian adults is
something other than radical discipleship.”

Kevin DeYoung

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4



“I am writing to you ...”

- because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake
- because you know him who is from the beginning (2x)
- because you have overcome the evil one (2x)
- because you know the Father
- because you are strong and the Word of God abides in you