

Jesus-Joy in the Middle...



Don't Waste Your Life!

1 Peter 2:11-12



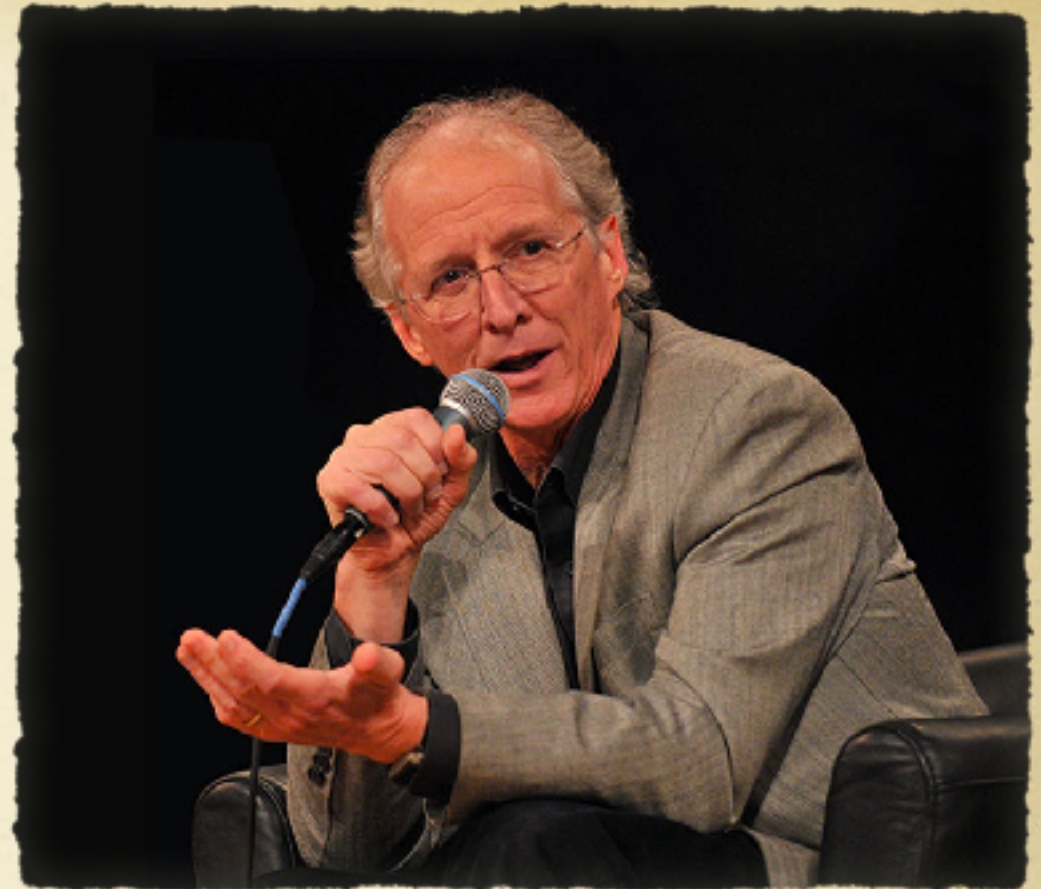
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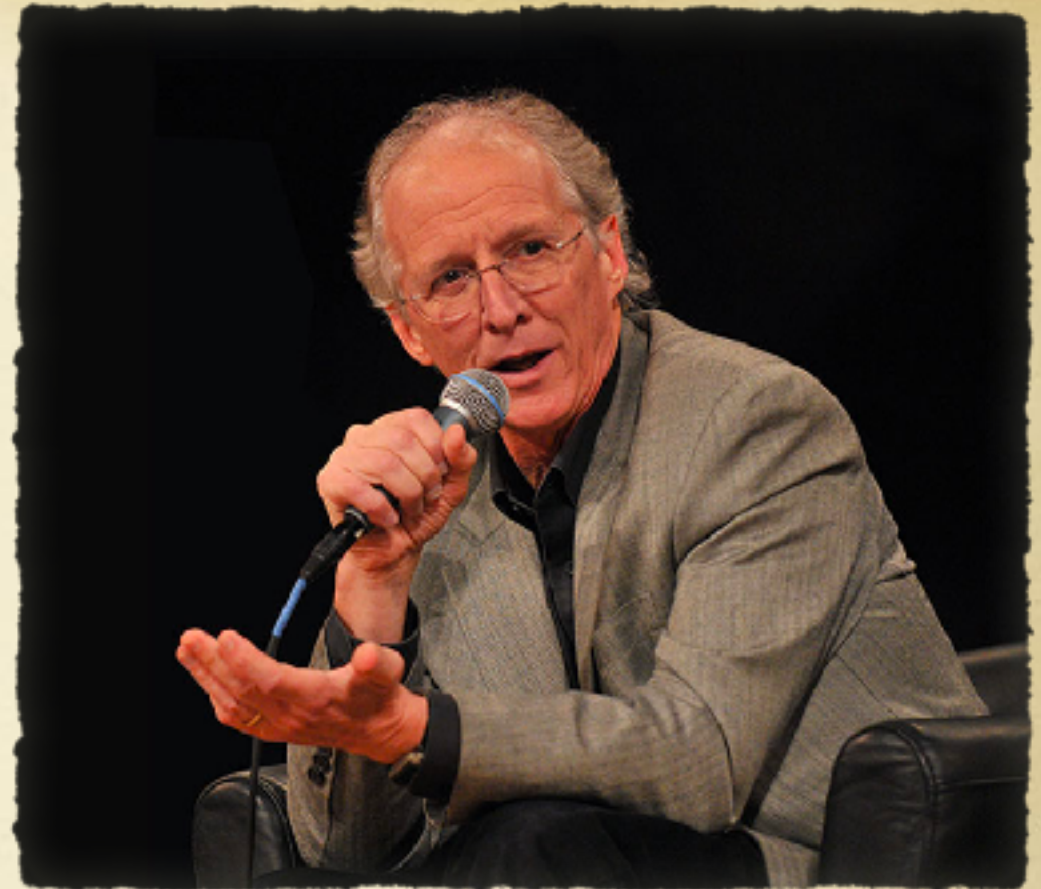
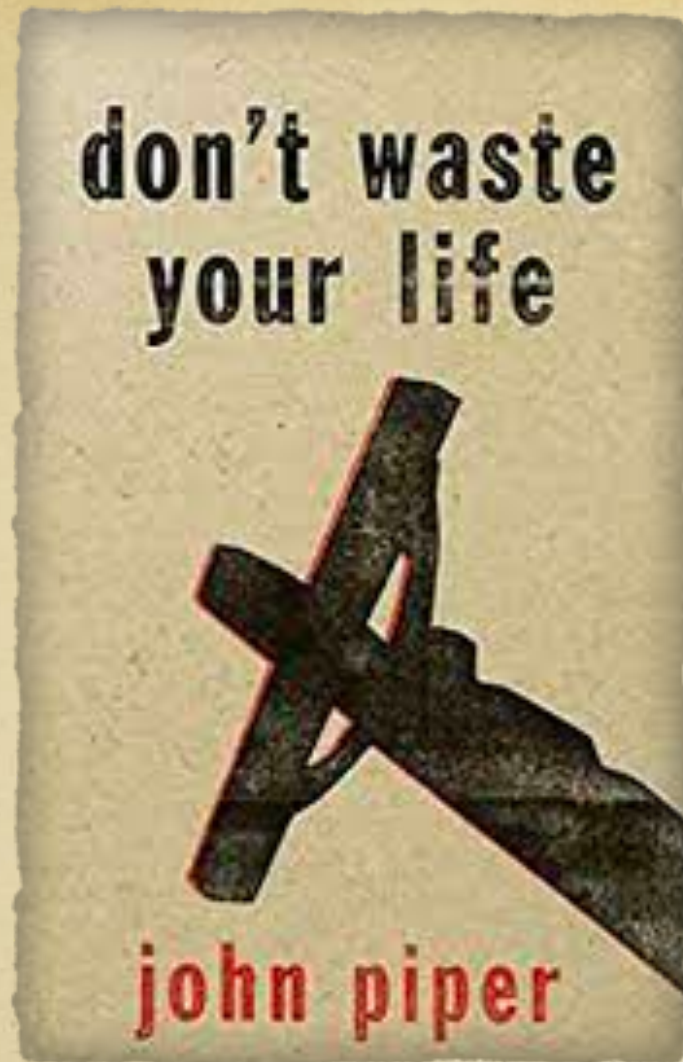


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**The Goal of Life: Gladly
Making Others Glad in God.**



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Two essential disciplines:



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Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to
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1 Peter 1:22

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Matthew 5:29a



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He who abides in Me, and I in him,
bears much fruit.



John 15:5b

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Gal. 5:16b

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- “Just say NO”
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- **Do good!**

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1 Peter 3:10b-11

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Matthew 5:9

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For such is the will of God, that
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1 Peter 2:15



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. . . ready to give a defense to
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for the hope that is in you. . .

1 Peter 3:15b



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2. Beneficial actions

Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.



Acts 15:14

2. Beneficial actions

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b. Why should we practice it?

Responding
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To make disciples!



2. Beneficial actions

a. What is it?

Responding
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To make disciples!

c. Where do I start?



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- **Serve others**



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- **Serve others**

For even the Son of Man did not
come to be served, but to serve. . .

Mark 10:45



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like Jesus

a. What is it?

b. Why should we practice it?

To make disciples!

c. Where do I start?

- Serve others
- Ask questions



[Jesus] bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:24-25



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1 Peter 2:24-25



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1 Peter 2:11-12