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By anchoring your understanding of productivity in God's purposes and plan, *What's Best Next* will give you a practical approach for increasing your effectiveness in everything you do.



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## Serving others to the glory of God

Unique to any other book about maximizing personal productivity, *What's Best Next* is a God-centered, gospel-oriented perspective that addresses the proper motivation to drive your productivity—*serving others, to the glory of God*. This motivation is the path to finding the greatest possible meaning in your work and, paradoxically, is also the path to greatest effectiveness.

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FOREWORD BY JOHN PIPER



## Do Work That Matters

Productivity isn't just about getting more things done. It's about getting the *right things* done—the things that count, make a difference, and move the world forward.

In our current era of massive overload, this is harder than ever before. So how do you get more of the right things done without confusing mere activity for actual productivity?

When we take God's purposes into account, a revolutionary insight emerges. Surprisingly, we see that the way to be productive is to put others first—to make the welfare of other people our motive and criteria in determining what to do (what's best next). As both the Scriptures and the best business thinkers show, *generosity* is the key to unlocking our productivity. It is also the key to finding meaning and fulfillment in our work.

*What's Best Next* offers a practical approach for improving your productivity in all areas of life. It will help you better understand:

- Why good works are not just rare and special things like going to Africa, but *anything* you do in faith—even tying your shoes.
- How to create a mission statement for your life that actually works.
- How to delegate to people in a way that actually empowers them.

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