



"ADIOS" TO BEING A CONSUMER

Own, Part 2

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OWN: If you want the best life, the one to which you are destined, you have to say "adios" to consumer and "hola" to owner.

BORN to CONSUME?

- ✓ PROBLEM: This isn't fundamentally where the happiness, deep abiding fulfillment is found.
- ✓ PROBLEM: God has this annoying habit of meeting people where they are.
- ✓ PROBLEM: Before people can let go... they must receive from God.

Nevertheless, **we must break our relationship to consumption — our consumer relationship.**

We've got to BREAK UP... We've got to say "Adios".

- Change Direction away from Isolation → Say, "Hell, No"
- Caution ≠ Adios to receive

THREE BENEFITS... as an owner you are...

1. More likely to experience the "POWER"

... whoever **serves** is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:11

2. More likely to find the true you

...²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.²⁵ Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE** of you **WITH HIS NEIGHBOR**, for we are members of one another.²⁶ **BE ANGRY, AND** yet **DO NOT SIN**; do not let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.²⁸ He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

Ephesians 4:23–28

3. Less likely to misunderstand, to miss the point

⁹ But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

1 Peter 5:9–10

STEPS TO SAYING THE ADIOS

[Last week's OWN step: "Take it personally... Invite"]

LIFE — This week, I.D. ONE consumer area.

CHURCH — Take a step.

↳ Start coming — make a commitment to yourself

↳ Stick around (a.k.a. "connect")

↳ Serve (Two suggestions: Generations/LIT)

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GOD — Decide decisively to trust Jesus.



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