

**Title: Sing! Psalms: Ancient + Modern  
(Live at the Getty Music Worship  
Conference)**

**Artistes: Keith & Kristyn Getty (2019)**

**Category: Praise & Worship**

**CD: 1 disc**



**“Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” - Ephesians 5:18b, 19 ESV**

*Sing! Psalms: Ancient + Modern* is a collection of old and modern hymns inspired by the Psalms and recorded live at the Sing! 2018 conference in Nashville with Keith & Kristyn Getty, their band and special guests including renowned Christian artistes Matt Redman, Stuart Townend, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell and Shane & Shane. The album features a few songs that are familiar favourites at our church [*His Mercy is More*, *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*, *All Creatures of Our God and King*, etc.] and other new songs that are influenced by the Gettys’ Northern Irish roots with a distinctive Celtic sound. One can always count on the Gettys and friends to produce songs with theologically rich lyrics and memorable melodies that resonate with your soul.

The lyrics to *Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love* ponder on the timeless truth of Christ paying the penalty for our sins on the cross so that we can stand holy and blameless before God: “What grace, that You entered our brokenness; You came in the fullness of time / How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ / Your cross is our door to redemption; Your death is our fullness of life / That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood: magnificent, marvelous, matchless love”.

The song *Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call*, with lyrics inspired by Psalm 42, reminds us to place our hope and trust in God through the storms of our lives: “Should my life be torn from me / Every worldly pleasure / When all I possess is grief / God, be then my treasure / Be my vision in the night / Be my hope and refuge / Till my faith is turned to sight / Lord, my heart will praise You”.

Just as how the apostle Paul exhorts the early Christians: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16), may the profound biblical truths intertwined with beautiful tunes in this collection help you to reorient your soul towards God and to delight in his glorious love.

This new CD is available for loan at the Resource Library.

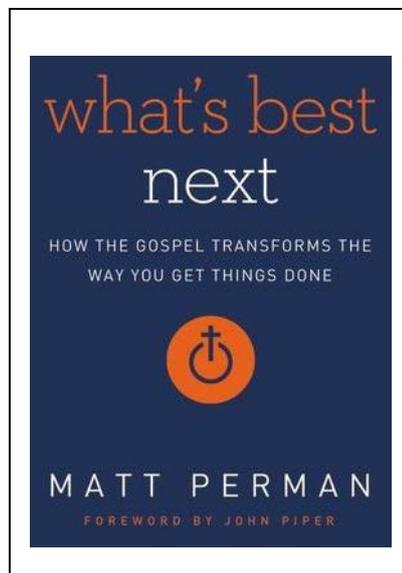
Title: **What's Best Next : How The Gospel Transforms The Way You Get Things Done**

Author : **Matt Perman**

Category : **Christian Living**

Hardcover : **384 pages**

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” - Ephesians 2:10 ESV*



Here is a book with you in mind. What do I mean? We have a multitude of things to be done each day and so we sometimes wonder if what we do really matter, especially if they matter to God or not. Does our daily busyness of getting things done make a difference or not? Does waking up early and spending time in the Word and then going about the day's work matter or not?

A former senior director of strategy at Desiring God Ministries, Matt Perman presents a Bible-saturated perspective of what productivity means to God and to us, and how the Gospel makes sense in our daily grind of getting things done at work and at home. In his foreword to *What's Best Next*, John Piper praises the book as one that is about “how to be so satisfied in God that the power of this joy is released to love people better in the midst of the current, very challenging environment of our modern, technological, constantly interrupted knowledge work era”. He also noted some interesting quotes by Perman in the book:

“The only way to be productive is to realise we actually don't have to be productive.”

“This book is also for screw-ups and failures!”

“Serving is exciting. It's like steak, not broccoli.”

“Gospel-Driven Productivity is about ... bringing the gospel to all nations.”

“Productivity is the only long-term solution to world poverty.”

“The most important principle for being productive is Bible reading and prayer, before the day begins, every day.”

While many secular books on productivity have been written (e.g. Stephen Covey's *First Things First* and David Allen's *Getting Things Done*), Perman is at the forefront of Christian thinking on productivity. He highlights several reasons why personal productivity is necessary for Christians:

- **Bad productivity approaches are annoying!**
- **Managing ourselves well is foundational to all we do.**
- **A good productivity approach enables us to be more effective in doing good for others.**
- **Knowing how to get things done is a component of our sanctification.**
- **Knowing how to get things done enables us to fulfil God's call to make plans for the good of others.**
- **Knowing how to get things done is a component of a complete worldview.**
- **Managing ourselves well enables us to excel at work and in life.**

Then he introduces Gospel-Driven Productivity (GDP), an approach where the things we do each day is really about getting ‘good works’ done, out of the motivation of living our lives for God and loving others and putting them first. He argues that through faith in Christ, the Gospel motivates us to do good works and to do them well for God's glory.

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