

Which Of The 23 Types Of Overload Are Most Affecting You?



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A book that had a profound effect on how I look at work and life many years ago is Margin, by Dr. Richard Swenson. In his book he identifies 23 different types of overload we may find present in our life.

Activity Overload Media Overload

Change Overload Ministry Overload

Choice Overload Noise Overload

Commitment Overload People Overload

Competition Overload Pollution Overload

Debt Overload Possession Overload

Decision Overload Problem Overload

Education Overload Technology Overload

Expectation Overload Traffic Overload

Fatigue Overload Waste Overload

Hurry Overload Work Overload

Information Overload

Once you identify the ones present in you situation, take these three steps:

- 1. Imagine how much better your day would be if this overload was reduced
- 2. Determine some of the factors that cause this overload to grow
- 3. Create boundaries and/or limits to protect the physical, emotional, or mental resources drained by these sources of overload

For more help dealing with overload, check out my book, <u>Juggling Elephants</u>