

Abundnat Life Church
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Series: ***We All Have Stuff***

Title: ***Remember Your Stuff Isn't Your Stuff!***

This series is about getting ready for the new things God wants to bring into your life.

Your stuff is no longer your stuff.

How do you know when you have reached the level of having too much stuff?

Example: Randolph Hearst <http://hearstcastle.org>

He died...

"Wow, he sure had a lot of stuff!"

Do you have a problem with stuff?

Matthew 6:19-21 (NCV)

Don't store treasures for yourselves here on earth where moths and rust will destroy them and thieves can break in and steal them. But store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your treasure is.

Remember that your stuff isn't your stuff.

Temporary storage place versus an eternal storage place?

Jesus wants to give us wisdom that surpasses our earthly lifespan.

Jesus' logical opinion: "Don't store up treasure that you will lose, in place of treasure that you can keep... forever.

Matthew 10:41-42 (NCV)

Whoever meets a prophet and accepts him will receive the reward of a prophet. And whoever accepts a good person because that person is good will receive the reward of a good person. Those who give one of these little ones a cup of cold water because they are my followers will truly get their reward.

In the next life he tells us your stuff is your stuff.

Philippians 4:11-12 (NCV)

I am not telling you this because I need anything. I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor...

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Philippians 4:12-13 (NCV)

...and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens, when I have enough to eat and when I go hungry, when I have more than I need and when I do not have enough. I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.

How are we supposed to live when we have plenty?

1. I don't need all this stuff in my life.
2. Too much stuff becomes toxic to eternal life!
3. This stuff costs, creates more work, and eats up time.

My Stuff Principal: First in the natural, then in the spiritual!

We must create the necessary space for God to do new things!

It's time, for all of us, to de-clutter some old things out of our lives and make room for new things God wants to add.

How are you keeping score in your life?

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