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HOUSECLEANING

Our ministry used to have a thrift shop. There were clothes, tools, housewares, furniture, kitchen stuff and a lot more. Every day those things would get “messed up”. Things would get put out on the wrong shelf, or someone would take it from one place to another and didn’t put it back where it belonged. When God said we came from dust he must have looked at the shelves in that thrift shop, for they were always full of dust! It was a challenge to keep things in order.

I am reminded how often we put things into our lives that just don’t belong there. Some of those things are envy, jealousy, hatred, revenge, fear and much more. The list is so long that I could fill this page up with those things. How does this happen? We know we shouldn’t allow these things into our lives, but the little things creep in, and we don’t take the time to remove them.

Once they creep in, they like to take root. Once the root goes in deep it is harder to pull it out. Then, after the root is there it likes to grow, and eventually takes over the good things within. Like the shelves in that thrift shop we must keep things “cleaned up” daily if we are to live a life of order.

There are those people that like to live in clutter, but when something happens to them it is really difficult to go through their “mess.” Sometimes you just don’t know where to start. God wants our physical house and spiritual house to be in order. We must daily inspect our lives to see if there is anything that needs to be removed. It is so much easier to do it daily than to let things grow and get out of hand. A bitter old person didn’t start out that way. It happened years earlier and it was not dealt with. An angry person is the same way.

Once we realize where these things started, we must find the root cause and pull them out by the root, then we must ask God to forgive us, fill us up with his Holy Spirit and then go forward. We must replace the void with things of God, or it will fill up again with what was there and many things worse.

Yes, it is a constant thing to do this, but your life will be much happier when you do. Remember, God wants us to live a holy pure life. It starts with housecleaning, in the natural and in the spiritual.