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ARE YOU A HOARDER?

I have watched the shows that feature people that have saved everything from newspapers to garbage in their homes for years. You can't move in their house. Their homes usually have a unique smell called "yucky". Even in their mess they can seem to find where everything is. They could be called "organized hoarders." If you were to ask them to get rid of the "stuff", they would say no way, I might need it someday. They just have to "hold on" to it.

It is easy to look at someone like that and say we would never allow that mess in our lives. Yet, we hoard things too. We do? Yes, we do. We hoard hurts from the past that we don't want to let go of. We hoard failures that we had and give up on trying again because they have such a hold on us. We hoard bitterness when we should have forgiven and let it go.

I wonder which condition is worse. The natural one that you see with your eyes or the one inside of us that destroys us from the inside out. I would have to say both are bad, but the latter one is the worst. Many people don't realize they are hoarders. In the natural it appears that their homes are in order. Their hair is combed perfect. There is no dust in their house. There is nothing out of place. Yet there is a deeper condition that isn't always seen on the surface.

I knew a couple once that had been married for 50 years. Every day there was a disagreement about something. This lady demanded that her house be perfect. She even took the windows out of their casings to clean the dirt out. She could not stand anything that wasn't perfectly organized, yet her heart was full of bitterness. She condemned everything and everyone that didn't meet her standards. She was a hoarder of bitterness. She hoarded these internal feelings and they eventually made her sick.

We must allow God to remove things from our lives that are holding us back from the best life possible. We must do some spiritual housecleaning and release the hoards of junk that have piled up over the years so we can be free. Yes, we need to do this in the natural too, but the spiritual is far more important.

Are you a spiritual hoarder? Are there things you need to repent of and release? I can assure you that you will have a much happier life if you do. How do I know this? I had to do it myself and learned that letting go of things is better than hanging on to them.