

Making Change Series

“Less is More”

*“Better to have one handful with quietness
than two handfuls with hard work and chasing the wind.”*
Ecclesiastes 4:6 (NLT)

Define What Does Matter:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Less is More Living

Cut Back!

Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”

Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

Luke 12:13-15 (NLT)

Life is not measured by abundance of stuff.

Clear Out!

Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’

“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

Luke 12:16-21 (NLT)

Less stuff lets you connect with God & others.

Pay Off!

*Just as the rich rule the poor,
so the borrower is servant to the lender.*

Proverbs 22:7 (NLT)

**Better is a little stuff you own,
than a bunch of junk that owns you.**

SO WHAT?

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog - it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.

James 4:14 (NLT)

The richest people are not the ones who have the most, they are the ones who need the least.

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Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. If you had a fire and lost all of your stuff tomorrow how would you feel? Why?

What would you do first?

2. What are the most important things in your life right now?

3. Describe a time when you simplified or downsized something in your life. How did that impact you immediately? How about down the road?

4. Re-read Luke 12:13-15. Where do you see the world around us measuring by how much you own? How do you fight against that?

5. Re-read Luke 12:16-21. What do you take away from this parable? Do you think you'll ever be able to just "take it easy"?

6. What is a doable starting point for cutting back, clearing out, and paying off?

What one thing can you do in each area this week to get started?