



## I – Ignore The Stuff That Is Cluttering Up Your Life

(John 15:1-8)

Sunday, March 31, 2019

AVBC 10:30 am



- A Acknowledge Christ's power to make a way through the maze.
- M Maintain a firm grip on the Word of God.
- A Accept the support of others along the way.
- Z Zoom in on the good stuff in your life.
- I Ignore the stuff that is cluttering up your life.
- N Navigate your next step by heading towards God's grace.
- G Grab hold of the One who understands the struggle you are going through.
- ! Place your hope in the God of surprising outcomes!

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NLT)*

**Prune:** To reduce by eliminating superfluous matter; to cut off an/or cut back parts for better shape and more fruitful growth.

### 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Clutter (Luke 12:16-21)

The Packrat Checklist ☺

- How do you prune material clutter from your life?
  - a) Strive to be content with what you have (1 Timothy 6:6-8)
  - b) Practice the joy of giving things away (Acts 20:33-35)

### 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Clutter (Ecclesiastes 1:16-18)

- How do you prune information clutter from your life?
  - a) Throw Out
  - b) Turn Off
  - c) Tune In... *to the one who know what you need!*

*"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you."*

– Philippians 4:8-9 (NLT)

(Psalm 147:4-5, Matthew 10:29-31)

### 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Clutter (Hebrews 12:1-3)

- How do you prune Spiritual Clutter from your life?
  - a) Consider Christ (Hebrews 12:2-3)
  - b) Consider the Crowd (Hebrews 12:1)
    - They are *Watching*
    - They are *Witnessing*
  - c) Consider the Conclusion (2 Timothy 4:7-8)



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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1: Share an experience about a time you helped someone declutter.
- Q2: If you were to create your own "Packrat Checklist," what might it include?
- Q3: Read Luke 12:16-21. Why do some people have a need to accumulate stuff? What does it mean to be "Rich Towards God?"
- Q4: Read Philippians 4:8-9. When you think about Information Clutter, does this stuff really matter to you? What steps this week can you take to "Tune In" to God more?
- Q5: "The Christian life is not a 100-meter dash, it's a marathon." What do you think about this statement? How has your life reflected this?
- Q6: Share a time when God brought you through the pain of pruning. How did God change you after? What fruit did you see produced?
- Q7: What small distraction do you know Satan uses to "entangle" you? What do you need to declutter in order to get rid of these distractions?
- Q8: Read 1 John 1:9 Is there unconfessed sin in your life? PRAY!!