I – Ignore The Stuff That Is Cluttering Up Your Life

(John 15:1-8)

Sunday, March 31, 2019

A A C K N O W L E D G E Christ's power to make a way through the maze.
M M A I N T A I N a firm grip on the Word of God.
A A C C E P T the support of others along the way.
Z Z O O M in on the good stuff in your life.
I I G L O B E Ignore the stuff that is cluttering up your life.
N N A V I G A T E your next step by heading towards God's grace.
G G A B S T A R T hold of the One who understands the struggle you are going through.
I I P L A C E 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!

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)

DIGGING DEEPER
(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!!