



UNPACKING CHRISTMAS: Letting Go of Stuff

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⁵ Fools fold their hands and ruin themselves. ⁶ Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:5-6 NIV

⁵ Foolish people fold their hands and don't work. And that destroys them. ⁶ One handful with peace and quiet is better than two handfuls with hard work. Working too hard is like chasing the wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:5-6 NIRV

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Luke 12:15 NLT

How to Live with Peace and Tranquility

1. Eliminate the Unnecessary

But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Matthew 19:22 NLT

2. Focus on Value

³⁶ Make me want to follow your covenant laws instead of wanting to gain things only for myself. ³⁷ Turn my eyes away from things that are worthless.

Psalm 119:36-37a NIRV

3. Give More

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT

It's better to have less of what doesn't matter and more of what does.