

Moving My Stuff!

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Emily and I decided for many reasons to move from our house which we had occupied for twenty years, into a newer, larger house. If you haven't moved in twenty years, then let me advise you to make sure that's the right decision for you! It is a lot of work, especially with all the stuff we had collected over those twenty years!

The **first spiritual lesson** we should learn is that a man's life does not consist of the **abundance** of the things he possesses (Lk. 12:15)! In fact, our abundant wealth might actually become a spiritual hindrance (Matt. 13:22). What a sad thought that one should spend his entire life *collecting* things which will prevent him from entering heaven! Jesus' own personal life was one of minimalism: "...*Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head*" (Lk. 9:58). While I do not recommend this exact lifestyle for us today, we should be careful that things do not keep us from our God-given duty.

The **second spiritual lesson** we should learn is that when you move you have to decide (1) what to keep; (2) what to discard; and (3) where to put it! Some things won't fit in your new location, so they have to be discarded. So it is with our spiritual life. When we move into a new relationship with Jesus Christ, we have to decide to *keep* that which is good, *discard* that which is sinful, and then *put* the good stuff on the throne of our hearts just beneath God! You **cannot** keep everything from your old life and try to make a place for it. You **cannot** leave the good which you bring with you in the secondary place where you found it, it must be moved up to a position of prominence, James 1:26-27.

The **last spiritual lesson** of this article is that sometimes we **need** to move! Lethargy and indifference can result from a *lack of moving!* You can **clean out** better your old residence once it is completely empty! You can **clean out** your new residence *before* you move in! You can take inventory of your own personal life and see how much spiritual baggage you need to **remove**, and to find *your new spiritual house* clean, swept and put in order (cf. Matt. 12:44). Just be sure you fill that new place with the Lord's will in your own life. ***So get up and get moving!***

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