

The Garbage Man – “Take Your Trash Out”

Video – Garbage man prank

Props: Park Bench, light, can with a little garbage, 3 green recycling tubs

Intro:

Define GOING GREEN

REDUCE

Define: Source reduction, don't buy as much, buy things that will last.

A. NOT ONLY ARE WE PEOPLE THAT LOVE TO BUY THINGS, BUT WE'RE PEOPLE THAT THROUGH LIFE WE GET A HOLD OF WRONG THINGS.

1. Even the Lord is telling us to GO GREEN, REDUCE, HOLD ON TO WHAT LAST. He wants us to REDUCE the opportunities that SATAN can get a FOOHOLD ON US.

ILL: (Bring somebody up and grab their foot to get them off balance.)

2. He can get you off balance, off our foundation. SATAN pulls the rug out from under us.

Ephesians 4:27 (AMP)

Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].

3. We go shopping at SATANS STORE IN LIFE AND BUY A LOT OF HIS STUFF.

4. WE BUY INTO UNFORGIVENESS, BACKBITING, BITTERNESS, AND REBELLION.

B. I've even seen in the church SATAN GETS A FOOT HOLD on people and they get a SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS “IT'S ALL ABOUT ME” ATTITUDE.

1. Look How God's using me and my talent and gifting what are you doing.

ILL: JUDAS was very skilled in finances and Jesus recognized his gifting.

2. But Judas let SATAN get a foothold on his talent. JUDAS TALENT BECAME HIS SNARE – SATAN USED IT TO TRAP HIM.

ILL: When the women came to anoint Jesus feet with an expensive perfume Judas quickly remarked how this perfume should have been sold and given to the poor.

John 12:6 (NIV)

He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

SATAN'S FOOHOLD WAS SO STRONG THAT HE COULD NEVER GET ENOUGH.

Matthew 26:14-15 (NIV)

Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

ILL: GOD WANT'S US TO TAKE OUR TALENTS TO OUR UNFORGIVENESS AND GIVE IT TO HIM TO REDUCE THE FOOHOLD OF SATAN IN OUR LIVES.

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REUSE

Define: Repair what is broken or give it to somebody that can fix it.

A. OUR LIVES BECOME BROKEN AT TIMES IN DESPARATE NEED OF REPAIR.

1. A rich man was needing repairing in his life so he went to the right source, JESUS.

ILL: He asked Jesus for help in his life and Jesus told him to follow the commandments.

Matthew 19:20-22 (MSG)

The young man said, "I've done all that. What's left?" "If you want to give it all you've got," Jesus replied, "go sell your possessions; give everything to the poor. All your wealth will then be in heaven. Then come follow me." That was the last thing the young man expected to hear. And so, crestfallen, he walked away. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and he couldn't bear to let go.

B. THERE WAS ANOTHER PERSON IN NEED OF REPAIR IN HER LIFE.

ILL: She was so desperate – Her life was totally broken in pieces almost beyond repair.

1. She went to Jesus in a different way.

Mark 14:3-4 (MSG)

Jesus was at Bethany, a guest of Simon the Leper. While he was eating dinner, a woman came up carrying a bottle of very expensive perfume. Opening the bottle, she poured it on his head. Some of the guests became furious among themselves. "That's criminal! A sheer waste!"

2. She didn't ask Jesus what she needed to do or give she just willing gave all she had because she knew that was the only way He could repair her heart. And when you know Jesus is the only one the can repair - YOUR NOT ONLY WILLING TO GIVE ALL BUT YOU DON'T CARE WHAT OTHERS THINK OR SAY.

RECYCLE

Define: Turning materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources.

Luke 5:36 (NIV)

He told them this parable: "No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old."

- A. He was saying that he wanted to not patch up the old, but recycle it and make it new.

Luke 5:37-38 (NIV)

And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.

- B. New wine is not to be put into old wine skins, for the new wine would burst the old skins.

1. Jesus was saying that He didn't want to put His Fresh spirit into an old life.
2. But His Spirit would be put into a NEW RECYCLED LIFE IN HIM.

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Luke 5:38-39 (NIV)

No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is better.'"

C. JESUS WAS SAYING THAT PEOPLE KNOW THEY NEED A CHANGE.

1. BUT THEY'VE BEEN DRINKING OLD WINE FOR SO LONG THEY HAVE BECOME CONTENT.
2. PEOPLE become content with religion, tradition, their way of life.
3. That they don't want to move forward in the new wine Jesus has for them.
4. HE'S INTO RECYCLING INTO THE NEW NOT THE OLD