

Give Yourself Away

Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. Luke 17:33

I know I have too much stuff and it's very hard to part with it. I can sort things into a pile to get rid of and then come back and hold on to some of my favorite things. Many things I would gladly give away but there are some that I cling to. Sometimes I feel guilty like a child saying, "It's mine".

Not long ago, I opened a box in the storage shed only to find my father's World War 2 P-coat totally destroyed, even the buttons fell apart. As disappointed as I was, I realized that something I tried to keep for myself now belonged to no one.

We have many things we are trying to hold on to. It may be our children, a close friend, alone time, or material things. Sometimes we want to take control and say like the child, "It's mine". We keep others from enjoying the blessing of family, friends and possessions. And even the blessing of fellowship with us.

When God directs us to share our lives with others, we need to be ready to give ourselves and our treasures to God's glory. We need to be confident that when God directs us to release something, we need to let go knowing He will accomplish what is best.