

Daily Devotional

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Theme: The God-Centered Mind

Text: Romans 8:6-8 NIV

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

Thought :

I undertook the task of cleaning out the garage this weekend. It's simply amazing how many things we accumulate that really serve no useful function in our lives! As I went through boxes and boxes of stuff, I marveled at what we found valuable enough to save. Oh sure, some of what I came across had significant worth. However, much of it served no purpose at all.

I wonder what would happen if we cleared out the garage in our mind. What do you suppose we would find of real value? And how much of what we found would have no worth? Unfortunately, we sometimes store things in our minds that do more harm than good.

I cleaned out my garage for the purpose of making it more useful, and to provide more room for that which does have value. Well, the same can be true with our minds. We can leave them cluttered with useless thoughts, or we can do as I have been doing with my garage -- we can discard that which is useless, freeing up our minds so that we will be able to be more effective in our service to the Lord, to our self and to others.