

LOVING
generously



Material possessions are not evil. Often they're blessings God means for us to enjoy. It's wonderful that many of us have flourished and brought forth a great abundance of resources. But, it's important that we should not hold our possessions too tightly, that we should not lose perspective. Sometimes we surround ourselves with possessions because they make us feel happy or secure or distracted from our hardships. Sometimes we get the stuff for its own sake, because there's something about owning lots of stuff that makes us feel important. Or we might just fall prey to consumer advertising, which tells us how much we need one thing after another.

The garage sale is one good example of how non-essentials in our lives can be transformed into something holy. What are some ways that you can transform a non-essential into something that is for Kingdom purposes?

In our society, one person's luxury may be another person's necessity. What grid do you use to decide what's a necessity and what's a luxury? How can you guard against the temptation to point at other people's "luxuries," but ignore the frivolous items on your own shelves?

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Do you have a lot of stuff? Do toys, books, art supplies and stuffed animals seem to be EVERYWHERE? Think of some ways you might be able to use all that extra stuff to help someone else.

COMPASSION UNLEASHED

Here are a couple of ideas for how to love generously, but we encourage you to pray as a family or small group about how God might be inviting you to serve.

- » Clean out unwanted toys, books, clothes, etc. and donate them.
- » Have a garage sale and donate the money to a non-profit.

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