

about stuff is part of it. How do we think about the stuff we have? Does it add value to our lives, or does it just take up space? Are we looking to stuff to make us happy, pursuing more and more in hopes of finding satisfaction?

I'm learning to hold onto to the stuff I have with open hands. I don't want to hold onto it so tightly that I can't share, can't enjoy, can't reach out to receive something else. I'm learning that the stuff I have is just stuff. Though I may like it, though it may be special to me—it's just stuff. I still treasure it, but want to remember that it's not the kind of treasure that lasts.

I'm learning to focus more on the treasures that can be stored in heaven—safe and secure—than on what can be lost or broken.

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:20-21

L: Let go of stuff

“I have lots of stuff and it’s not doing the trick. I want God’s kind of abundance.”
—from “Simple Abundance,” *Living Simply*, page 29

When I think of simplicity, one of the things I think about is getting rid of stuff. Stuff in the closets, stuff in the basement, stuff in the garage. Getting rid of clutter and creating some space in which to live and create and rejoice.

I can remember doing a Bible study lesson one week on simplicity, and the next week every single woman in the group had cleaned out her closet! We all laughed, but it feels good to get rid of things we don’t need or want anymore, doesn’t it?

Despite that, I *still* have a lot of stuff. Let’s be honest: stuff can be fun.

But once again, simplicity is often about our attitude. And our attitude