



21-DAY FAST Devotional #13– HOARDERS

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a **new person**. The old life is gone; **a new life has begun!**

Have you ever watched the show *Hoarders*? This is a documentary show on television which depicts people who have a compulsive hoarding disorder. These individuals fill their houses with stuff and sometimes it's a lot of the same stuff. They may have 100 helium tanks that they have never used but when they see another one they buy it because you never know when you might need it. They fill every inch of their house with stuff to their own inconvenience. They end of sleeping in chairs and eating out of cans because they can't get to their beds or kitchens. Their compulsions end up taking over their lives. In some cases, it has destroyed their families, debilitated them physically, and ruined them financially.

Here's the point. If we are lusting after the things of this world, we are not going to win within. These people thought that if they just had 1 more... it would make them content. Our contentment, our winning within, has nothing to do with the things of this world. It has everything to do with Jesus Christ, and living a life of integrity. We need to allow God to draw the lines in our lives. For far too long, many of us have let sin and the world dictate our lives, and that is destructive. Allow God to draw the lines in your life. Stop hoarding and start living!

Question for today: How often do you hoard the stuff of this world rather than allowing God to transform you?

Verses to look up: Romans 6:6-7, 11-12, 14, 17-18, Romans 12 1-2, Matthew 6:19, 2 Corinthians 5:15

Prayer for this week: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me, giving your life, rising again, and for giving me your Holy Spirit. Help me this day to not drift from the vine and into vice. I know that there is a power that comes from staying connected to You which enables me to bear fruit. Help me to walk in Your power! May others see the fruit that is being produced in my life, through my relationship with You, and that they will desire to do the same. I pray for my church that we will see breakthrough! Help people to come to you through my witness and through my congregation. I pray for breakthrough in marriages, health, finances, emotions, habits, and all areas. May I be the person You want me to be and may our church be the church You want us to be. Let change begin in my heart and flow over to my home, my church, and my community! Amen