

Tossed & Taken Away?

What do you think about when you hear the word “cast” or “castaway?” Is it fishing, a plaster mold, maybe a shadow, or being stranded, or maybe even abandoned?

Recently, due to some invisible virus, we may have had extra time to cast away old belongings. We may have gone through our closets and gotten rid of some old clothes. We became determined to get rid of those “gotta have” gadgets that don’t really work. The garage might be full of things we simply don’t need anymore. So, for now, some stuff is tossed out and taken away!

The Bible talks about some things we should “cast away” or “get rid of”—such as malice or ill will against our neighbor. Focus on the well-being of others. Demonstrate agape love. We want what is truly best for one another—especially within the church. We need to cast away envy. Our talents and opportunities are all different. When we desire the ability or personality of another, we only cause ourselves trouble. This can lead to gossip and slander. There’s never any room in our speech for idle talk among Christians. We need encouragement! All of us need some kind of special spiritual self confidence. We need to “cast away” impure thoughts. **Philippians 4:8** says ‘Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.’

Seek to keep the bad out of your brain! We are to “cast away” not just what we think but our fleshly deeds as well. **Galatians 5:19-21** tells us “the acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

God can certainly “take away” things in our life. **1 Peter 5:7** reads “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” Trust God to take care of the things you’re worried about. He can lift that burden—if we will let Him. Be thankful in prayer. He can cast away our fears and things we’re afraid to face. Cast all your cares on God! **Psalms 55:22** says “Cast your care on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken.” What a marvelous promise. God will be your “support beam,” someone you can “lean on” who offers escape from every temptation. God, through Jesus Christ, demonstrated His love to us one time for all time. Hallelujah!

Yes, there’s something that God has taken away! It’s something to change your life forever. It’s not something humanly possible! Really? What is this most amazing thing that God has taken away? Please, listen to the sermon to find out! Or, if you prefer, view it on Facebook Live on the Pottsboro church of Christ Facebook page.

What has been “tossed & taken away” for you?

Bday/Anniv Lunch: ...when we can!

Bible Study: Consider your study of God’s Word (**2 Timothy 2:15**) Make time to learn some Scripture that may apply to your life today...

NMCCH: collecting aluminum foil and kitchen trash bags (pick up is later...)

— THANK YOU for reading!