

## Things We Collect – Part 2

### Hebrews 12:15

Welcome back and here we go!

I am so grateful that we all are here together. I would say it is quite a “collection” of people!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ come in all sorts of \_\_\_\_\_!

#### ***Psalm 119:11 “Your Word...”***

Last week we talked about things we have *collected* or currently *collect*.

#### ***COLLECTIONS***

- Are Important / Meaningful to us
- Have a Starting Point
- Are Deeply Personal
- Are very meaningful when we share something from our *collection*.
- We should be *collecting* the Word of God!

***Hebrews 12:12-15 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,<sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.***

***<sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: <sup>15</sup> looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;***

2. Many \_\_\_\_\_ start with a root of \_\_\_\_\_.

Other things we *collect*:

Trauma ● Resentments ● Anger ● Lies ● Sexual partners ● Pornography ● Allies ● Pain ● Images  
● Emotions ● Unforgiveness ● Memories (bad)

Tonight, we will talk about a few of these.

3. The scripture says \_\_\_\_\_ up causes \_\_\_\_\_.

There is no peace or joy for a person who *collects* these things.

But “why” would a person *collect* these things? Of course, the SIN NATURE. But also, as a COPING MECHANISM.

For example, if you only remember or think of negatives about an EX, you have *collected* only negative ideas.

Rather, *collect when you first met, first kiss, first intimacy, first child*, all the good points.

NO, we throw all this out in the name of fairness and truth. But what truth? That it was all BAD!  
HMMMM...

**James 3:13-18** *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

Here is the problem and solution.

4. I've *collected* resentments about \_\_\_\_\_.

Think this one through! The way you answer this question should be a case study for the rest of your relationships.

5. We have to choose \_\_\_\_\_!

I do not pretend that training the mind, especially the OLD MIND, is easy. It is not. But it is a CHOICE.

We have to learn to

- a) Overlook
- b) Let go.

In close relationships, we also *collect* resentments. Eventually, if we *collect* enough, we treat the person with a tirade of the entire *collection*!

I don't know what negativity you have *collected*, but the solution is always a NEW MIND.

**Philippians 4:8-9** *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Meditate on the POSITIVE! Remember, you are LOVED!

6. We also *collect* \_\_\_\_\_.

These are often meant as personal protection, emotionally, but again the solution is in the CHANGING OF THE MIND, seeing habits for what they are --- a *TERRIBLE COLLECTION*!

Let's begin to remember the good in people. Let's choose to forgive and accept that ----- they have their own *COLLECTION*!