

TAKING OUT THE TRASH

MATTHEW 5:27-30



- Taking out the trash isn't exactly a coveted chore.

- It's my job - but I really get no satisfaction or enjoyment out of the process.

- Just as the astronauts appreciate the importance of getting rid of the trash once and for all, We need to also.



²³ For the wages of sin *is* **death**, but the gift of God *is* **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Rom 6*



- This idea of completely and thoroughly tossing out the trash from our lives is exactly what Jesus emphasizes in Matthew 5:27-30.

- Jesus is speaking in Radical Terms because He expects us to take **RADICAL ACTION**

³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, **cut it off and cast it from you;**

for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into **hell**. *Matt 5*

So How do we... **THROW OUR SIN OUT AND KEEP IT OUT**



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The sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17).

1. “The offensive armor, as described by Josephus, consisted of the *pilum* or throwing-spear, the *gladius* or Spanish sword, and the *pugio* or dagger slung on the left and right sides respectively.” (H. M. D. Parker, *Legions*, p. 251).



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**3. Run The Opposite Direction...Back To Him
Hebrews 12:1-2**

**Am I Filling My Life With
God's Power?**



II. Disclose Your Sin



A. How publicly you disclose it is a personal choice.

1. Instead of waiting to be “found out” you reveal your weakness and admit your need for HELP!

2. This is not just publicly acknowledging your sin, but publicly committing to Trash it!- James 5:16



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3. Eliminate Satan's Calls

–Acts 19:19

- Secrets grow... consequences grow



In Ephesus they made up their mind, they were done with sin and they were never going back.



One way or another we have to DECIDE - I'm done with that...and I am never going back.



**III. Die To
Our Sins**

A. What Happens When We Let Things Linger?

- How many of us would like to the garbage in our house?



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- Remember dead is dead



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3. Redefine Yourself In Jesus Christ –Col 3:7-11



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“... but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3