TIME AND PURPOSE – CAST AWAY

“…and a time to cast away;” (Eccl. 3:6) There are some things we need to cast away, some we really want to cast away, and sometimes they are the same. While a lot of people are what are called “pack rats,” there are those who realize getting rid, is sometimes better.

I recently talked with an individual that has almost 50 years worth of documents stored in the house. They were getting rid of them. I said it was about time. Most people have something they “think they might need in the future,” so they hang on to them.

But switching from physical to spiritual, there are still some things we need to “cast away.”

**Unreasonable anger:** we all have known those that “get angry at the drop of a hat.” While anger is sometimes justified, getting angry at the least things is not good. We need to get rid of it.

**Love for the world:** “If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him.” (1 John 2:15) There are so many things of the world that lure us which are not conducive to the Christian life.

**Lying:** it is almost the national past time. Not only do most politicians lie with ease but in business it has become a way of life and has crept into the church as well. The cry of the day is, “get along.” Years ago an elder lied to me and he knew I knew he was lying. Truth is not only the best policy but to the Christian it is the only policy.

There are many more to cast away, but you get the point.

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