

Bin It

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[0 : 00] The 3rd of August. Bennett. For Christ's sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3, 8. Popular in social media for a time was a Japanese lady who encouraged people to declutter and get rid of things in the house, wardrobe bookcases and so on.

The charity shops became full, and if something was not useful, then Bennett. No doubt the decluttering guru was quite right in some ways.

Certainly when it comes to thinking of what is really important in our lives, we have to keep a careful check to make sure we have our priorities right, and we may well have to bin things that can be spiritually bad or useless for us.

The Apostle Paul had a massive clear-out of stuff from his heart and life. When he was converted. All the things he had been proud of before, his religious zeal, his pride, his strict law-keeping, even his family connections with Judaism, he threw them all out as worthless things, because they had been keeping him from trusting in Jesus.

[1 : 13] The Lord Jesus Christ became the center of his life, his most precious possession. And he no longer put value on the inferior stuff of his former self-centered and proud rule-packed religion.

A personal trust in the living Christ was worth everything, even if along with it would come suffering and even death itself. Is your faith in Jesus as real as that?

And a prayer. Dear Lord, please help me to trust you only and completely. Amen.