

LET NOTHING BE WASTED!
JOHN 6:1-15

INTRODUCTION: Our Lord Jesus was very big on using all that His Father had placed in His hands. After feeding the 5,000 He said: John 6:12: "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." The basic idea of letting nothing be wasted is a Biblical idea.

I. LET NOTHING BE WASTED!

We as a nation are trying to recycle just about everything, but how careful are we as Christians to recycle the spiritual blessings that our Lord has given to us?

1. **Recycle Your Faith!** Our faith is not something we work up, it was and is a gift from our God and we should not waste it. Ephesians 2:8-9. You might ask: "How can I waste my faith?" If we do not pass our faith on we waste it. Romans 10:14-17, Matthew 28:18-20. When we share our faith we are laboring in a work our God has promised to bless! Galatians 6:9. Don't worry if you do not see an immediate response. Mark 5:1-17; Mark 5:18-20; Mark 7:31-36. We never know when the Gospel we share will still be bearing fruit. In fact the harvest has a way of multiplying as time goes on!
2. **Recycle Your Lessons!** As we continue to grow in our faith, our Lord teaches us many lessons. What a shame to just let them be wasted and not be shared. 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 29:29.
3. **Recycle Your Money!** When we leave this earth we will leave all our earthly treasure behind. 1 Timothy 6:6-7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. As we use the finances our Lord has placed into our hands to help others in need or to come to faith, we lay them up in heaven.
4. **Recycle Your Comfort!** The good blessings that our Lord places into our hands are not just for us, they are meant to be shared with others in need. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Romans 15:13.

II. RECYCLING GOD'S SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS!

There are many ways this next year you could recycle your spiritual blessings?

1. **Start a list of unsaved friends you would like to see saved.** Luke 11:9-10.
2. **Take the time to have devotions and pray with your children.**
3. **Simply smile.** It is amazing how many doors and hearts a simple smile can open. Proverbs 15:30.

There are hundreds of ways to recycle your spiritual blessings. If you feel you might be wasting your blessings, why not ask God for the wisdom to live in such a way that nothing be wasted in your life? James 1:1-5.