

ter where you are, there's always dust & there are always bugs. Covering doesn't completely prevent the bugs, but discourages the bugs from entering in.

13. You cannot possibly have a place that is unoccupied by human beings & nothing but a lot of storage, as the Lord Himself warned us, but what the rot & the corruption will set in—the so-called rust which covers a lot of those things—plus the thieves, which include rats, mice, roaches & everything else that chew on things. They sometimes build nests underneath in the furniture if the place has been unoccupied for a long time.

14. I'll tell you, this whole life is a fight with corruption! It's a fight with the destroyers, & you need to take good care of things & really keep them in use. I never heard of any furniture that is being constantly used & never stored in a dark place ever being touched by termites. It's always been furniture that's been stored away. Because apparently it has to be very quiet & very dark & unused for a long time in order to have this whole process, give the termites a chance to bore in, lay their eggs & hatch & all that.

15. So you see, God doesn't really like storage. He really resists storage, & you've really got to fight it pretty hard in order to make it keep. What was it the Lord didn't like about the rich men's riches? Why is it He didn't like the rust & the corruption of it or the corrosion of it or the tarnishing of the gold & the silver? (Fam: Because it wasn't being used.) Exactly, it showed it was being stored away somewhere & wasn't in circulation, it wasn't being used.—Jam.5:1-3.

16. He says it's not the gold & the silver that He would hold against the rich men, but if He caught it getting tarnished, rusty or corrupted, or corroded like iron & steel. Rust & other things corrode.

17. Well, I'll tell you, the rust & the corruption of your riches, that's what God will hold against you! You know what He's going to hold against you?—That mildew, that moss that grew on the stones, that rust on the steel, that tarnish on the gold & the silver, that mold, & the termites. He's going to hold those against you!—Because of disuse!

18. Don't blame Him, He created them to destroy what you didn't use, or let somebody else use, & He's going to blame you

for the rust & the corrosion & the tarnish & the mildew & the mold & the bugs & the termites & the roaches! If you don't keep a clean house, of course you'll have roaches! If you don't keep a clean house you'll also have mice. If you keep leaving food around & dirty floors of crumbs & food on the sink & dirty dishes in the sink at night, of course you're going to have bugs!

19. God created them to eat up what you weren't using, eat the garbage, & if you leave the garbage on the floor & the sink or on the sideboard or the kitchen table or the dining room table, God's garbagemen are going to come out tonight & try to clean it up, what you failed to clean up, believe it or not! What do you think of that?

20. But God's going to blame you if you store stuff & it gets ruined & there's a loss! It's your loss & the Family's loss because you could have shared it, given it to others.

21. So don't be a storer! I've had to kiss my stuff goodbye so many times, but the Lord always gives me more & I have to just keep forsaking all & keep getting rid of stuff because He keeps piling it on! Don't worry about not having it, keeping it, don't worry about storing it, He'll give you more.

22. The less space you have, in some ways the better off you are because you just can't carry any more than you've got space for, & then you will only carry what you absolutely need & have to have, & not a lot of other junk that you may think you might use someday or you might happen to need someday or you might need next year or all that sort of thing.

23. It is God's principle, His natural law, a natural law of His economics to make it as difficult for you as possible to store anything away for any length of time & not use it. It will be rusted or corrupted or stolen or something—if not stolen by actual human thieves, stolen by little rats & mice & rodents & bugs, all thieves—& rusted & corrupted by saprophytes or plain metallic rust.

24. God has His judgements & He'll judge you for storing stuff you don't need & aren't going to need! He knows whether you're going to use it or anybody's going to get to use it, & if you don't use it or see that somebody else uses it or keep it in circulation & in use, He'll see to it that it's destroyed no matter how hard you work on it! He's not going to let you save it for yourself sel-