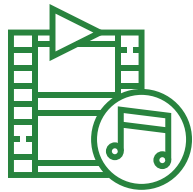




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1 TIME OF PRAISE

Welcome to church! This month we will explore and learn about how to be the World's Caretakers. We invite you to begin your worship by joining the praise section of our English Worship @english.mykec.ca



2 MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

What causes the current environmental crisis? A formula originally put forth by ecologist Paul Ehrlich and physicist John Holdren called "IPAT" (pronounced "eye-pat") says:

**Impact =
Population X Affluence X Technology**

**Pollution =
Number of people X
Stuff we consume X
Waste we produce**

This formula summarizes the damage we do to the earth can be figured as the number of people there are, multiplied by the amount of stuff each person uses,

multiplied by the amount of pollution or waste involved in making and using each piece of stuff.

This formular reminds us that each of us is responsible for the current environmental crisis. It also points us to the underlying cause of human sinful behaviour: the desire to consume more and more.

There are two basic human needs: food and security. It is our natural instinct for survival by accumulating and consuming more stuff. There is an impression that the more we have, the more we feel safe and secure. But, is it true?



3 SCRIPTURE READING



What does the Bible have to say about accumulation of wealth? Read Matthew 6:19-34

1. What does the passage tell us about laying treasure on earth?
2. What does the passage tell us about laying treasure in heaven?
3. Jesus knew our human nature and insecurity. How did He affirm us through the examples in the nature that God knows our needs?

The Bible gives many reasons why we don't have to worry or accumulate stuff on earth:

1. Treasure on earth does not last but treasure in heaven is eternal. (v. 19 and 20)
2. You are valuable in God's eye. (v. 30 and 36)



4 IS PRODUCING LESS WASTE POSSIBLE?



3. There is more to life than food, drink and clothing. Our faithful Heavenly Father knows and has provided our daily needs. (v. 32)

'Materialism is not just a preoccupation with the material world of money and possession, but is a philosophy which operates as though God didn't exist. And when we live life materialistically, though we may believe in God and claim a relationship to Him, we are in essence living as though He didn't exist, without faith in His loving care. This is why the Lord addressed the disciples as "O men of little faith."' (quote from Bible.org)

Not only do we love to possess stuff, we also love to consume. The more we consume, the more waste is produced in the process.

Reflection:

1. What makes the speaker change her lifestyle?
2. What are some of the new lifestyles that the speaker adopted?
3. Do you think living with less waste is possible?



5 HOW CAN WE RESPOND?

Read Matthew 6:19-34 this week and observe how God is faithful in providing to nature as well as to your life. When you are planning to buy something, would you take into consideration your role as a World's Caretaker?

Pay attention to the amount of waste you produce every day. We may not be able to live a zero waste lifestyle right away, but we can begin to produce less waste.

Come back next week and we will explore more on the topic of World's Caretakers.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Ava ava@koinoniachurch.ca or Pastor Canaan canaan@koinoniachurch.ca. We are praying for an awakening and a revival in our role as a steward in God's creation.