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As I write I am getting ready to move to a smaller house. For 25 years my wife and I have moved to bigger houses, so have never had to make a decision about what we should keep. Now the time of reckoning has come: an amazing amount has gone to the tip, to charity shops, to friends and family. And even more amazingly, nearly all of it has been unseen and unused for years. It has made me wonder what all these possessions were for.

Christians are very diverse, in age and background and life circumstances. But Jesus tells us that something that they should have in common is a distinctive trust in their Father God as the one who provides. Instead of anxiously buying things to make us feel secure or special, we look to him for security and significance, and trust that he will make sure that we have all that we need materially. A distinctive mark of the Christian is that we can live more simply, because we trust a loving Father. I wonder if we might pray that we can show that trust more and more.

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"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them."

Luke 12: 27 - 30

Information Point

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A prayer

Loving Father,

Cause us to trust you more, and our possessions less. Please help us to show this as we live more simply.

Amen