

OPEN DOORS ON MISSION



Removing the Rubbish

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1. In 2 Chronicles 29:12–17, the Levites first consecrate themselves before cleansing the temple. Why do you think personal consecration had to come before corporate restoration, and how does that order challenge the way we often approach spiritual growth today?
2. The idols removed from the temple represented deception, misplaced allegiance, and spiritual death, not just clutter. What are some modern cultural values or pursuits that can quietly become idols in our lives or even in the church?
3. The sermon suggests that what we allow into our lives often ends up shaping or controlling us. As you think about the “rooms” of your life (heart, mind, schedule, relationships, possessions, mission), which room feels most crowded right now, and why?
4. The Levites carefully and thoroughly went through the temple, and the work took time. What does their patience and diligence teach us about the process of spiritual renewal and ongoing holiness?
5. How do you hold together the New Testament truth that we are fully made holy through Christ (Hebrews 10) with the call to actively cleanse ourselves and pursue holiness (2 Corinthians 7:1)? Where do you personally feel that tension?
6. The purpose of removing the rubbish was not just to achieve purity, but also to renew worship and mission. How might intentionally “clearing out” one area of your life this week create greater freedom to worship God or serve others more faithfully?