

Sermon Reflection Guide: Filled with Presence

Text: Matthew 12:43-45 (ESV)

Reflect on the passage where Jesus illustrates the danger of spiritual emptiness and the importance of being filled with good.

Reflection Questions:

1. How do you interpret the metaphor of the "house" in Jesus' teaching? What does it represent in your life?
2. Reflect on times when you've felt spiritually empty. What factors contributed to this emptiness?
3. In what ways have you experienced deliverance from negative influences or habits? How did this affect your spiritual state?
4. Discuss the importance of maintaining good soil for the Word of God to take root in your life. What practices or habits help cultivate good soil?
5. How do you discern between good and bad seeds in your life? Share strategies for identifying and rejecting harmful influences.
6. Reflect on Philippians 4:8 and 2 Corinthians 10:5. How can you apply these verses practically to guard your mind and heart against negative influences?
7. Share examples of intentional actions you take to fill your mind and heart with God's presence. How does this practice impact your spiritual life?

Application:

Consider practical steps to fill your life with God's presence:

- Regularly engage in prayer, meditation, and Bible study.
- Surround yourself with positive influences and Christian community.
- Practice discernment in what media, conversations, and thoughts you allow into your mind.
- Serve others and actively participate in God's Kingdom work.

Takeaway:

As you prepare for this week, remember to intentionally fill your life with God's presence, guarding against spiritual emptiness and negative influences. May you be rooted in His Word and fruitful in His Kingdom.