

Character – Day Three

Cleaning Out the Closet

Scripture Focus: Psalm 139:23–24

"Search me, God, and know my heart... See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Introduction

Every house has one.

That closet.

The one where things get pushed when company is coming.

Broken items. Old boxes. Things we forgot we owned. Things we keep because dealing with them feels harder than storing them.

From the outside, everything looks neat.

But eventually the closet gets full.

Spiritually, we do the same thing.

We pack away hurt instead of healing.

We store resentment instead of forgiveness.

We hang onto comparison, pride, jealousy, fear, and disappointment.

At first, it seems harmless.

But whatever stays hidden eventually affects the entire house.

A crowded closet can make a beautiful home feel heavy.

And a crowded heart can make a healthy life feel exhausting.

That's why David prayed one of the bravest prayers in Scripture:

“Search me.”

Not, *bless me*.

Not, *promote me*.

Not, *fix everybody else*.

Search me.

Character develops when we stop managing appearances and start inviting God into places we've avoided.

Maybe your closet contains old words someone spoke over you.

Maybe it holds bitterness from being overlooked.

Maybe it's full of habits you justify because nobody else sees them.

God does not open those doors to shame you.

He opens them to free you.

When God cleans a room, He doesn't throw away your value—He removes what keeps you from becoming who He created you to be.

You don't have to clean the whole house today.

Just open one door.

Let Him begin there.

Because freedom often starts with honesty.

Reflection Questions:

- What have I been storing in my heart instead of surrendering to God?

- Is there bitterness, fear, pride, or comparison taking up space?
- What room of my spiritual house needs attention today?

Prayer:

Father, search my heart today. Show me anything I've hidden, ignored, or allowed to stay too long. Give me courage to open every room to You. Remove attitudes and habits that don't belong and fill those places with Your peace, truth, and grace. Help my character reflect a clean heart and a willing spirit. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.

Tomorrow: Character – The Kitchen: What Comes Out Under Pressure