



# Remaining Possessions



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Do you know how hard it is to dispose of your deceased friend's remaining possessions? All her things are still here, but she is no longer among all the things which made her comfortable during her lifetime. Even though she never thought that her possessions were important, they made up her home. Her only son and daughter-in-law live a long distance away and they did not have time to dispose of her possessions. While my friend, Auntie Mary, was alive, she did tell me to give some of the things to certain people. She wanted to return all the gifts to the givers. These were all the instructions that I got. After the funeral I could not begin right away to clean up her apartment. I would sit in her apartment and look at all the things around. I missed her. I felt guilty when I was so impatient with her when she liked to remind me of things of which I did not need to be reminded. She cared about everyone. She had special wisdom to predict people's behavior by understanding them. She always thought of others. She kept flower pots

for her friend but she never time to give them away.

After the funeral I made her son go through all his mother's belongings and take all the valuables. The rest of her personal articles such as letters, pictures and things meaningful to the family were all mailed to her son. It was quite a job to go through everything and decide on every item. All her gifts and pictures were returned to the givers. Her furnitures was given away to those who were in need. Her clothing was given to thrift shops. I did not know that she collected stamps, which I sent to Ambassadors for Christ. Her piles of fabrics were given to the American Friends Society. Even the things in the kitchen were eaten and use. Honestly, though, I had to throw away many bags of useless things. It took nearly a month to empty the whole apartment. After the last article was given away, I felt such a peace because I have found a home for all her earthly things. I can hear her saying to me, "Dorothy, 'Dui Bu Chi' (對不起), I am sorry to casue you so much trouble"

Actually, I did not complain. I have to thank her for giving me an opportunity to learn a few things. First of all, from now on, I am not going to buy unnecessary things. I shall keep my things as organized as possible so that I may not leave my daughter a mess. I will make a list of things to be given to my family and friends. We all have to leave one day. There is no reason not to be ready for it. One should have a portrait taken every few year. Auntie Mary had no portraits. A dear friends of hers en-

larged a regular picture. I also had to give regular pictures to her friends as mementos.

Finally; I would like to say this to my friend, Auntie Mary, in heaven: "Please do not feel obligated to me because we are sisters in the Lord in God's family. It is a privilege to have served you as you have been such a faithful servant to the Lord. Many of us still remember you and miss you. May you rest in peace." 



## Music In Church

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God created all of us with the ability to use our imagination in communicating with him and others. Music is one of the fundamental ways to do this. No matter where you travel internationally, the beginnings of all music is traced back to religious expression. Be reminded that the music we hear is only a result of a process which has already begun in our mind, heart, and within our body. It is initially an idea that we experience from within, which then becomes

a product expressed physically and received through our auditory senses. We all possess this creativity which allows utilization of music to :

1. Glorify God.
2. Worship and enjoy Him.
3. Empower us to Communicate.
4. Enhance intimacy with God and man.
5. Understand and teach God's truths.
6. Develop and act upon our faith.