



Spring House Cleaning

"Go home..."
MARK 5:19

LESSON 1 ~ *Jettison the Junk*

The purpose and potential of a Christian home

Luke 10:5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you.

- ▼ *A harbor from the wicked winds of this world*
- ▼ *A hospital for healing the wounds from this world*
- ▼ *A haven from the worthless wisdom of this world*

The poisoning of a Christian home

Deuteronomy 7:26 Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

- ▼ *The tantalizing temptations on television*
Romans 1:32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.
- ▼ *The witchery of the world wide web*
Acts 17:21 All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.
- ▼ *The mesmerizing manipulation of music*
Revelation 18:22 The music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again.
- ▼ *The damage and destruction of drinking and drugging*
Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.
- ▼ *The sabotage of sexual sin*
Ephesians 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

The perils to a Christian home

Deuteronomy 22:8 When you build a new house, make a parapet around your roof so that you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed on your house if someone falls from the roof.

- ▼ *The danger of spiritual dirtying and defiling*
2 Corinthians 6:17 "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."
- ▼ *The danger of spiritual deception and demonic doctrines*
1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.
- ▼ *The danger of spiritual distraction and diversion*
2 Timothy 4:10 Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica.
- ▼ *The danger of spiritual death and destruction*
Galatians 6:8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

The powering of a Christian home

- 1 ▼ *Get the garbage out of the house*
2 Corinthians 7:1 Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.
- 2 ▼ *Get some spiritual government in the house*
Genesis 18:19 I have chosen Abraham, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just,
- 3 ▼ *Get some spiritual goals in the house*
Joshua 24:15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."
- 4 ▼ *Get some spiritual guards in the house*
Job 31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.
2 John 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. 11 Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.
- 5 ▼ *Get some spiritual goods in the house*
2 Kings 4:2 Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"
- 6 ▼ *Get some spiritual gatherings going in the house*
Matthew 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."
- 7 ▼ *Get some spiritual glory in the house*
Matthew 5:15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.