

SPIRITUAL HOUSECLEANING

II Kings 20:15 says: *“And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.”*

Someone said, “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” How true is that? Is it a Biblical principle? Yes, it is.

Cleaning is a constant job. Things naturally get dirty. We must daily clean our bodies, teeth, hands, and houses. We must also keep our physical and spiritual homes cleansed of sin. The Bible particularly speaks of our physical homes.

Jesus was anointed in a home. John 12:3 says: *“Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.”*

Jesus spent time in Mary, Martha, and Lazarus’ home. Luke 10:38 says: *“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.”*

Jesus also spent time in Simon’s home. Luke 4:38 says: *“And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon’s house. And Simon’s wife’s mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.”*

In Luke 19 Jesus told Zachaeus he was coming home with him.

David speaks of his home in Ps. 101:1-2: *“I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.”*

ACTIVITIES TO BE DONE IN THE HOME

1. Prayer is to be given in the home.
Acts 10:30 says: *“And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,”*
2. Dad is to rule the home.
I Tim. 3:5 says: *“(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)”*
3. Church was held at a home.
Philemon 2 says: *“And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:”*
4. No false teachers are to be allowed in the home.
II John 10 says: *“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:”*

FOUR TYPES OF SPIRITUAL HOUSECLEANING

1. Trash out
Prov. 28:13 says: *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*
2. Everything put in order
Isa. 38:1 says: *“In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.”*
3. Washing
Ps. 51:7 says: *“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”*
4. Dusting
Phil. 4:6-7 says: *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

Every room in our houses need physical cleaning and our houses need to be spiritually cleaned too.

FAMILY ROOM

Throw out the past. Forget past hurts done to you. Put the family in order. Dad leads the home. Mom sets the sweet spirit of the home. Dust off the family altar - get back to Bible reading and prayer as a family.

KITCHEN

Throw the liquor out of the home! Prov. 20:1 says: *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”* Get the beer and wine out of the refrigerator. Start having meals together as a family. Get back to a scheduled family life.

ENTERTAINMENT ROOM

Clean up the bookshelf. Stock it with great Christian books and biographies. Get rid of books with false doctrine, pornography, romance and horoscope.

Clean up the television shows. Are shows allowed in the home where the hosts are unsaved and the heroes ungodly? Do the shows contain nudity, cursing, or bedroom scenes?

Clean up the videos. Have you purchased, rented, or taped shows that Jesus Christ would not want you to watch?

Clean up the games. Ouija boards, playing cards, and gambling games are not conducive to Christian living.

Clean up the music. From time to time a Christian needs to do a thorough inventory of his music albums and tapes. Harmful music needs to be discarded.

Rom. 13:14 says: *“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.”*

Acts 19:19-20 says: *“Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.”*

When people got right with God they had a big bonfire and burned their ungodly materials. How can God bless our homes when items are in them that dishonor Him?

Deut. 7:25-26 says: *“The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.”*

We need to return borrowed objects. Is there something in your home that you borrowed and is now long overdue? **Return it.** *“Owe no man anything,...”* (Rom. 13:8) *“...and the borrower is servant to the lender.”* (Prov. 22:7)

We need to clean up our closets. Clothing that honors beer companies, or is worldly and immodest need to be thrown out.

Drawers need to be cleaned out. Reminders are bridges back to the world, and will only make it easier to return.

Our bathrooms need to be cleaned out. Illegal drugs and drugs used in a wrong manner have no place in a Christian home. People ought to be able to walk into your house and see it is a Christian home where Christ is glorified. If Jesus walked through your home, would he find something there that does not belong?

REVIEW SPIRITUAL HOUSECLEANING - STEP 31

1. Spiritual cleanliness is next to _____
2. Jesus put much emphasis on the h _____
3. Name two activities to be done in the home:

4. No _____ are allowed to be in the home.

List the four types of spiritual housecleaning Christians constantly need to do:

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9. Each family should have a family _____

PERSONAL HOME INVENTORY

List anything in the kitchen that needs to be thrown out:

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List anything in the entertainment room that needs to be thrown out:

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List any TV shows that need to be cancelled:

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List any borrowed items that need to be returned:

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