

A Blessed Home



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Your Home – Your Sanctuary

I have always believed that your home should be a place of sanctuary; however that is not the case for many people, even Christians. I think that is very sad and I believe we should work to change that.

A person walking into your home should feel the peace and presence of God if you are a born-again child of God, don't you think?

I can walk into a home for the first time and tell you in a few minutes if Jesus is Lord over their home, you can literally feel it in the atmosphere.

Then what causes the atmosphere in a home, you may ask? Whatever is allowed or practiced in your home will set the atmosphere in your home. If you seek God through prayer in your home, you will feel it in the atmosphere. If you worship God in your home on a regular basis you will feel His undeniable presence in your home. If you practice the word of God in your home, faith and peace will reside there.

On the other hand if you allow strife and division in your home, you will feel that atmosphere too. I will never forget one Christmas I went to help my sister wrap some gifts. When I walked into her home the atmosphere was thick and not in a good way, it felt heavy with strife, you could feel it when you walked in. I didn't say a word I just set about wrapping gifts as quickly as I could so I could leave. After a while her husband came home and she and he snapped at each other a couple times and I knew that they had invited that atmosphere into their home through strife and division.

There are many other things that will allow spirits to come into your home that shouldn't be there, things like allowing drugs in your home, or allowing pornographic movies into your home, or allowing adultery or fornication to take place in your home. Common sense tells us that these things will allow spirits into

our home that are not of God. It is vital that we keep all doors to the enemy closed in our homes and in our lives.

I often laugh because when Breanne comes to my house she always says she could take a nap. It is often so peaceful here that you want to lie down and sleep. It has taken me some time to get my home to where it is a place of peace 99% of the time, and I do work hard at keeping things out of my house that are not of God and keeping His presence and peace in my house.

For me it is easy, but for many families it is not so easy. Those who have children who are in rebellion will find it difficult to experience peace in their homes. Or those whose spouse may not be walking with God may have a difficult time keeping a peaceful atmosphere in their home.

However, I still believe that if we spiritually cleanse our home as best we can on a regular basis that we will set boundaries spiritually speaking that the devil can't cross in our home. I also believe we can consecrate and set our home apart unto God and that will enable God to work a mighty work in our homes. That is what this teaching is for today.

First Things First

The first thing you have to do is get anything and everything out of your home that would be displeasing to God. Remove all things that would be offensive to the spirit of God. The Bible says light and darkness can NOT mix and trust me, it can NOT mix.

Just as you clean your house to keep all dirt and clutter out of it, you clean your house spiritually in the same manner. Go room to room and ask God to show you anything that would be offensive to him, and then promptly remove it.

Items can allow spirits into your home that would otherwise have no way in. Let me tell you a story about my nephew. One day, actually it wasn't daytime it was about three o'clock in the morning, my Mom called me and asked if I could come and pray for my nephew, she said he wanted to commit suicide.

It was an hour and a half drive but I got in my car and headed to him. When I got there I walked into his room and the spirit of suicide was heavy all around him. I wrapped my arms around him and told him I loved him. He began to talk to me about some things, then the Lord had me looking in his room, I really didn't know what I was looking for. I picked up some cd's that he had been listening to. I began to read the word of the songs...they were all talking about killing yourself.

I asked him where he got them and he said from a friend. I replied that no one else would be listening to these words again. I destroyed every one of those cd's. I explained to him how that kind of music will open the door for different spirits; he never listened to them again and he never again wanted to kill himself.

In this day and time our children are exposed to so much, it is our job to make sure that they don't bring things into our homes that will allow these spirits to torment them. Keep a close watch on what your kids are watching and listening to. Don't just let them get on the computer and go to any website they

want – keep a close watch. Don't allow them to listen to any kind of music they want, you need to take an interest and read the words of what they are listening to, I can promise you that whatever they are listening to is having a large impact on their mind.

I know most of you know this but in case someone doesn't. Don't have witchcraft games or cards in your home; they are certainly offensive to God. Don't have anything in your home that is contrary to God and His word. Just don't do it.

It is your job to keep your home spiritually clean, it is your responsibility to keep your home in a condition that is pleasing to God, as you do that, you will find that the peace of God will begin to reside there.

Bringing Peace into the Home

As we have already discussed there are some things that you can do to bring God's peace and presence into your home. Frankly I believe that if you do these things consistently that your home will become a place where God abides, not just visits. I also believe if you pray enough in your home and worship enough in your home that your home will become a portal into the spirit realm, just as many places of visitation have in the past. You simply can't out give God, if you give Him your home, your time and your presence consistently, He will visit you and make His abode with you, and you can be sure of that.

One thing you can do is to pray in the home, pray for your spouse, your children, and your extended family, and pray for everything you can think of but spend time each week praying at home. Pray and ask God to bless your home and cause it to be a sanctuary and a place of rest for your family. If you seek Him through praying in your home, He will make His abode in your home.

Another thing I do is worship daily in my home. Worship creates an atmosphere where the presence of God can't be denied. He literally abides in the midst of your praise and worship, just try it for a week, you will see the drastic difference as your home becomes a place of worship.

Now, obviously you can't pray and worship ALL the time. Life does keep moving and we can't stop it. For that reason, I keep worship music playing in my home all the time, twenty four hours a day. I have found that if I want to cultivate a place of peace then I need to work at it, and when I can't work at it, I have found that music always changes an atmosphere. Bad music brings bad atmospheres but worship music brings the presence of God and I must say it is wonderful to come home from a day of errands or grocery shopping and walk into the peace and presence of God as I enter my home. There is simply nothing like it.

The Anointing & Your Home

Now that we have looked at what NOT to have in your home and what TO have in your home, let's look at the anointing and how it affects your home.

First, let's look at some scriptures about the anointing oil:

And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it; and you shall hallow it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy. Exodus 40:9

And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him. Leviticus 8:12

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

From these three scriptures alone we see that the anointing oil is to sanctify and to hallow people and things. To sanctify and hallow means to dedicate to God, to set apart and to cause to be holy.

To be anointed is to be made sacred; this is a subject that is important to God because He mentioned it more than 150 times in scripture.

If you remember, in the Old Testament, anything that was set apart and holy unto God was not allowed to be touched by the enemies of God. God Himself forbids others to touch what was anointed and set apart unto God. If your home is set apart and holy unto God then God will protect your home.

Using Holy Anointing Oil

The first thing you need to do when you bring the anointing oil into your home is to bless it. Some may believe that it must be blessed by a minister but we have all been given the authority to bless our homes and other people through the name of Christ. You can simply hold the bottle before the Lord and ask God to bless the oil by His Spirit and that everything you would bless with this oil will be spiritually sanctified by the power of God.

After you have blessed the oil and ask God to bless the oil you can apply it anywhere you would like in your home or wherever God leads you to anoint.

Personally, when I prayed over my home recently I anointed the doors and the windows of my home, every entrance was anointed and prayed over. In the Old Testament the people of God applied the blood to the doorpost of their home, for this reason I anoint and apply the blood of Jesus to every door and window.

I have in times past anointed other areas as well, such as my bed, Bryson's bed and different things in regards to the manner I was praying that day – simply let God lead you in what you anoint and pray over.

In the following pages I will put some sample prayers you can pray and declare over each room but again, allow God to lead you in the manner that He would specifically have you pray over your own home and family.

Prayers to Pray Over Your Home

Father in the name of Jesus I ask You to sanctify this home by Your Spirit, may Your Spirit flow freely through this home, unhindered at all times. I pray that Your angels would encamp about our home and keep it and us safe at all times from all harm. I thank You for Your divine protection over every room of this house. This house and everything in it is anointed by You, set apart unto You and sanctified by You, in Jesus name.

Today, in Jesus name, I apply the anointing and the blood of Christ and I cleanse the spiritual atmosphere. I declare that Satan will NOT intrude in my home; I forbid his intrusion from this day forth. I close any and all doors that have been opened to the enemy and I seal them shut in the name of Jesus. I establish my home as a sanctuary and a place of protection by the anointing that destroys every yoke and removes every burden. I break every curse and remove every evil presence from my home by the anointing and the name of Jesus Christ. I sanctify the people who live here, the house, and everything that is within this home in Jesus name.

I bind the spirit of infirmity and declare that it has no right to come through these doors, infirmity will not dwell in this house, this house is anointed and it belongs to God. I bind the spirit of tragedy and trauma and declare that these spirits as well as any other spirits from Satan will NOT come near my dwelling in Jesus name. I set boundaries in the name of Jesus and forbid the enemy to cross them, nothing and I mean nothing comes through these doors that are not of God. Nothing comes through these doors that are not the good, perfect and acceptable will of God for my life and the life of those who live here.

I further declare that God's blessings flow into this house daily, every room of this house is blessed by God. His blessings are pouring out to such a degree that we don't have enough room to receive them. The blessing of prosperity dwells here. The blessing of health and wholeness reside here. The blessing of peace and unity dwells here. The blessing of increase dwells here. The peace of God is in this

house at all times. The manifest presence of God saturates this home. All the blessings of God are DAILY poured out in my house. I declare it to be so, in Jesus name.

I plead the blood of Jesus over this house, I declare it is blessed and set apart unto God.

(Keep in mind, this is just a sample, you may want to pray different scriptures over different rooms such as bedrooms, where your children sleep, there are many scriptures that you can apply for sweet sleep and peace...just let the Lord lead you in the way He would have you pray)