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YOUR
SPIRITUAL
HOUSE



A LESSONS FOR LIFE BOOK

INTRODUCTION

There are two types of Spiritual houses. The church, and you.

When people look into the windows of your 'spiritual house' what do they see? What do you want them to see? This book focuses on asking the question that if you're a Christian and people who are not Christians are standing on the outside of your spiritual house looking in, what will they see. Will they see you? Or will they see Jesus in you? Is there dirt and trash in your physical house? Or do you clean it when it gets dirty? **Your Spiritual House** reminds every Christian what 1st Peter says about us being built into a spiritual house.



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CHAPTER ONE

THE HOUSE



There are two types of Spiritual houses; One is the church; the other is you. Every Christian is being built into a spiritual house (1st Peter 2:5). God's spirit will not enter in or reside in a house that has satan's name outside on the doormat. He will stand at the door knocking, but we must let Him in. Once you let Him in, be prepared to start being changed. Jesus will come in, and through the work of the Holy Spirit, will start exposing and tearing down strongholds in your life. God relies on born-again Christians to house His spirit in our bodies to continue the church and ministry Jesus started when He was here, and left behind with specific instructions and the power for us to carry on.

The windows of our spiritual house are what unbelievers seeking a relationship with Christ will look in to examine what is inside of us, to see if they want what Christ has to offer. The only way they are going to see Christ, is to see Christ in us. On your physical house, if people looked in the windows, what would they see? Would it be clean? Or would there be garbage and dirt all over? If people look in the windows of your spiritual house, what would they see? Would your heart be clean? Or would it be full of the dirt and garbage Jesus listed in Mark 7:14? Will they see Christ in you? Or, Would they see the old you, still hanging on to your old ways? If someone is looking to find Christ they are probably trying to walk away from their old ways such as evil thoughts, greed, envy, theft, arrogance, etc. (Mark 7:21). So, as Christians, we should always be mindful that the only way unbelievers will see, feel, hear, and experience Christ, is in us.

The way you build your spiritual house as a Christian determines what and who you let in. Let's talk about how to build your spiritual house out of materials that are of God. Anything other than that will not stand and will be an easy target for the devil to come and dwell in, and tear down.

Remember the story of the three little pigs. The first built his house of straw because it was the easiest thing to do. The second built his house of sticks because it was stronger than straw. The third, built his house of bricks. We know the rest. The wolf came with a storm and blew away the first two houses but because the third house was built on solid rock he survived the storm.

In Matthew 7:24-27 Jesus told the same story. He spoke of the wise man who built His house on a rock and when the storms of life came, his house withstood the attack.

1. The foundation of your spiritual house must be built on “the” ROCK.

Matthew 7:24-27 says...²⁴“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down (storm), the streams rose (storm), and the winds blew (storm) and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

2. The foundation of your spiritual house must be rooted and grounded.

Love is the way to root and ground your spiritual house. Ephesians 3:16-19 says...¹⁶“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” If we practice love, show love, teach love, reach with love, you won’t care what storms try to uproot you, you won’t worry when the storms come, you won’t care when someone lies on you; you won’t care when someone cheats on you; you won’t care when someone talks about you; you won’t care when someone mistreats you; you will be like that tree planted by the rivers of water, you shall not be moved.

3. The walls of your spiritual house must be made out of ARMOR.

Ephesians 6:10-18 says...¹⁰“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, ¹⁵and with your **feet fitted with the readiness** that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God. ¹⁸**And pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

When the walls of your spiritual house are made out of God's armor you can:

- (1) Take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- (2) Stand your ground when the storm comes.
- (3) Extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- (4) Be alert.
- (5) Stay prayed up.

Remember that our spiritual house is one that **worships** God.

It is one that **belongs** to God as a part of His family.

Our spiritual house is one that must **grow** in our knowledge of God.

Our spiritual house is one that must **serve** God.

And, our spiritual house is one that must **reach** others who are lost like we were once lost.

Jesus left us the work of keeping the pilot light lit in the spiritual house He built. And He sent back the Holy Spirit to help us keep the flame lit. If we neglect to continue the ministry Jesus started, we have allowed the pilot light that Jesus lit to go out.

Ask yourself, "Am I continuing the ministry Jesus left behind? Is my ministry cold or hot? It is operational or have I let the pilot light go out?"

Name five ways you can continue the ministry Jesus started?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

These Five Ways You Wrote Down Are the Very Place That You Need To Start Building On, or Continuing Working On The Foundation, Walls, Windows, etc., of Your Spiritual House!

CHAPTER TWO

THE POWER SOURCE



Every house has a power source.

The furnace of our spiritual house is our ministry.

The pilot light is the part that keeps our ministry hot or and the part you let wax cold. In Matthew 6:22-23, Jesus called it “the light within you.”

Like the furnace in our physical house, without a power source, it would not operate. The same is true for the furnace in our spiritual house. It needs a power source. That source is the Word of God. God’s word is the power source that makes the furnace in our spiritual house run. We need to feed the furnace in order for it to operate, stay lit, and not burn out.

Some Christians let the pilot light on their ministry go out. They let the furnace burn out. When the furnace burns out, the spiritual house gets cold.

How does this happen?

1. By only going to church on Sunday but never serving in the church the rest of the week as ushers, choir members, etc.
2. By only going to Bible study on Wednesdays but never studying the Bible at home during the rest of the week to show yourself approved.
3. By only going to church on Sunday but never feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, ministering to prisoners, helping strangers, or spending time with widows and orphans during the rest of the week.
4. By never using the gifts, skills, talents, abilities, memories, knowledge, resources, vision, and provision, that God has ordained to be given unto you by the Holy Spirit to help build up the church and the ministry.
5. By never helping others receive the free gift of salvation.

Doing these things and more help keep the flame in our spiritual house lit.

Doing these things and more help keep the furnace in our spiritual house operating.



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God is the author of the Bible. It is meant to be our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ. Amen.

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