

Our Home, Our Nest

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Our Home is a place where relationship matters!
Our Home is a place of nurture and care.
Our Home is a place we want to make into a shelter from the elements and predators.
Our Home is a haven, a place where love is the foundation, peace, joy and righteousness.
Our Home is a place of training and a launching pad for life.

The reality is ...

- i. No one wants a home where it feels like a constant battlefield.
- ii. No one wants a home where fear and unpredictability are present.
- iii. No one wants a home where disunity and disconnection are the norm.
- iv. No one wants a home where criticism, negativity, and put-downs are the common language.
- v. No one wants a home where vengeance wins.
- vi. No one wants a home marked by selfishness, lies, and sin.
- vii. No one wants a home where expectations don't go both ways.
- viii. No one wants a home where unforgiveness and unresolved issues become the culture.
- ix. No one wants a home where emotions (like anger) are out of control.
- x. No one wants a home that is cold and unaffectionate.
- xi. No one wants a home where compassion and care are missing.
- xii. No one wants a home where there is no loyalty, no trust, and jealousy is present.
- xiii. No one wants a home where Jesus is not the foundation.

How do we make our Home a Nest or a Haven?

1. It's starts with us!

Psalm 127:1 (NIV)

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

2. We need wisdom! It's the framework of our house...

Proverbs 4:7 (ESV)

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (NIV)

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; ⁴through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

- i. **It starts with choosing the right way (wisdom),**
- ii. **It grows as we learn to live it (understanding),**
- iii. **Over time, it becomes full of life "rooms filled with rare and beautiful treasure." (knowledge)."**

• We need to understand the difference between: Design & Default!

Proverbs 4:20-27 (NLT)

My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. ²¹Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, ²²for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. ²³Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. ²⁴Avoid all perverse talk; stay away

from corrupt speech. ²⁵Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. ²⁶Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. ²⁷Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

- 1) **We need to guard what gets into our heart!**
- 2) **We need to control what comes out of our mouth!**
- 3) **We need to consider what we focus on!**
- 4) **We need to avoid getting sidetracked and choosing to stay on the right path.**

Matthew 7:24–27 (NIV)

“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, the streams rose, and the winds blew 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.”

3. We need to be aware of the battle we face.

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Matthew 6:12–13 (NLT)

and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. ¹³And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

Ephesians 6:10–13 (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹Put on the full armour 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. Therefore put on the full armour 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.

4. God blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

Proverbs 3:33 (ESV)

The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.