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Have You Cleaned Your House Lately - Spiritually?

Our son, Tim, began moving his things back home again after a 6 month stint of sharing an apartment with 2 college friends. He brought a few boxes of belongings home and piled them in his room in the basement, saying that he would be home for good the next night. During the night, my husband, Don, got up to go to the bathroom. Within seconds he was back in our bedroom exclaiming, "I can't go out there, I'm too scared!" Our experience with spiritual warfare told us a spirit of fear had entered our home and confronted my husband. We knew we had to command the spirit in the name of Jesus to leave our home. We did and the fear left Don. We puzzled over how and where this spirit may have come from, and I suddenly thought of the boxes Tim had brought home. We asked God to encapsulate any evil spirits that may have been attached to any of Tim's things, so slept in peace for the rest of that night. (Within a few days of moving home, Tim disposed of his heavy metal items.)

The next morning I went down the basement to look at what was in the boxes. Piled on the top of one of the boxes were heavy metal things. The hair on my arms stood on end as I looked at the things. I got the "7 Steps to Freedom In Christ"* workbook and read the "Prayer for Spiritual Cleansing of Home. . ." in every room of our house. When Don came home from work he still sensed some evil presence. He also prayed cleansing prayers, and the feeling of uninvited evil left.

We all know that we need to clean our homes. We dust, vacuum, and clean our bathrooms and kitchens of the accumulated dust, crumbs, and grime that happen in the course of living. We have a sense of accomplishment when we see the sparkling fixtures and mirrors and know that everything has been cleaned again.

How many of us realize that not only should we clean the material things in our homes, but, as Christians, our homes need to be cleaned spiritually as well. Most of us have not ever been taught that concept. We laugh about how often on Sunday morning the kids fight all the way to church. We comment that Satan seems to be more active on Sunday mornings. Satan does inhabit Christian homes, interfering with the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control that the Holy Spirit wants in our homes.

Tim met with a group of his friends in our home every Monday evening for a Bible Study. Don and I had trouble sleeping every Monday night and often had nightmares. We finally recognized that it was only on

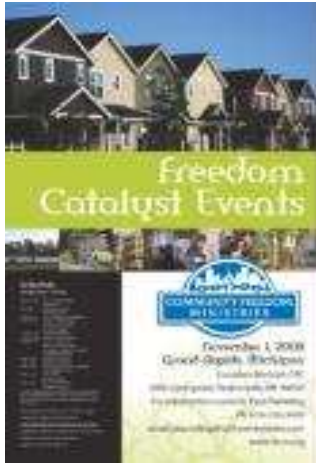
Monday nights after the Bible study kids were in our home, that we had these problems. We realized that someone was bringing "spiritual junk" into our home on Mondays. So every Monday, after the kids left, we commanded any spirit that was in our home that was not of Jesus Christ to go to the cross of Jesus. We invited the Holy Spirit to sweep our home clean. The sleeplessness and nightmares quit.

Don and I are part of the prayer team for an annual youth convention for our denomination. After the California convention, we went to visit my college roommate for a few days. She picked us up. Before unlocking the front door, she said, "I know that you have been busy praying for others at a Christian convention for the last few days, but I am concerned that you may have picked up some 'spiritual garbage' while you were praying. I want to pray a prayer of cleansing on you before you enter my home."

We don't always know how "spiritual garbage" enters, but we do know it does. Have you ever had an uneasy feeling in your home? Are there days when your kids seem to fight incessantly? Are there times when one thing after another just seems to go wrong? Does someone in your family have repeated nightmares? These are all possible indications that the evil one is present.

Have you ever cleansed your home spiritually, dedicating it to Jesus Christ? Neil Anderson, the author of "The Steps to Freedom in Christ", suggests this prayer:

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that you are the Lord of heaven and Earth. In Your sovereign power and love, You have entrusted me with many things. Thank You for this place to live. I claim my home as a place of spiritual safety for me and my family, and ask for Your protection from all the attacks of the enemy. As a child of God, raised up and seated with Christ in the heavenly places, I command every evil spirit claiming ground in this place, based on the activities of past or present occupants, including me and my family, to leave and never return. I renounce all demonic assignments directed against this place. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to post Your holy angels around this place to guard it from any and all attempts of the enemy to enter and disturb Your purposes for me and my family. I thank You, Lord, for doing this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.*



Who should attend?

Pastors, Lay people, Missionaries Leaders of Ministries to men, women, youth, prisoners, addicts, etc. all who are yearning to see people walk in Freedom in Christ.

Freedom Catalyst Event

Sponsored by

Freedom in Christ Ministries and Set Free Ministries

At Messiah Christian Reformed Church, Hudsonville, MI 49426

On November 1, 2008

What is a Freedom Catalyst Event?

A place where individuals from all over a region converge for one day of encouragement, equipping and networking. The purpose for the one day event is to develop a growing network of Community Freedom Ministries, to cry out to God to raise up a "grassroots" movements of freedom in churches and towns, through people whose lives have been touched by the Holy Spirit.

If your passion is freedom, we invite you to join us at this Freedom Catalyst Event. For more information, please go to the home page on our web site www.setfreeministries.com.

BEST of TIMES - WORST of TIMES

THE BEST

- SFM is experiencing explosive growth in 2008 with numerous ministry opportunities. We trained over 100 people with training events in West Michigan, Africa, and 2 more training events left in 2008. 100's of people have made first time decisions to follow Christ.
- SFM/USA office has never been busier as we minister to Young and Old, Rich and Poor, Laymen and Professionals from all walks of life. 1000's have received ministry in the US, Africa and India
- SFM is debt free and helping 1000's per year world wide experiencing Freedom in Christ.

THE WORST

- USA is still at war - the economy is hurting.
- Michigan's economy is dead last of all 50 states.
- Non-Profit Ministry giving is way down.
- SFM funds are depleted as ministry demands escalate.

If you have the ability, please prayerfully consider helping us help others with a generous gift today.

From Despair to HOPE

Report from
Glory of Christ School
In Rakai, Uganda



Upper Left: 2005 - Despair and Poverty, no schooling for orphan children.

Upper Right: January 2006 SFM sponsored a Christian School, with 42 orphan children being taught in an outdoor setting.



Provisional wood-siding classrooms being used now.

TODAY,
August 2008
550 children are
being Loved
and taught
God's Truth



Protected from the sun and rain children learn better.



The children are now participating in zonal and regional sports competition



Now having clothing, shoes and school supplies and being fed one meal at school, the children are happy.



Having school uniforms leads to a good amount of pride in their school and learning.