

A Blessed Home or a Haunted House?

If your next door neighbor asked you to bless their house, what would you do? Recite a superstitious ritual? Cast the devil out of the dvd player? Call a priest?

Define these terms:

1. Blessing – God’s favor and protection. Sanctioned and supported.
 2. Reside / Dwell – situated and belonging to a particular space
 3. Presence – exist, occur, and be stationary in a designated location
 4. Indwell – to be somewhere long term, inhabit habitually
 5. Abide – accept, tolerate, cohabit
 6. Protect – to keep safe from harm or injury, to preserve, to watch over
 7. Compromise – to settle, lower standard, or expectation, concede because of conflict
 8. Invite – friendly request generated by a desire to assimilate
 9. Spirit – an attitude, feeling, invisible entity
 10. Chaos - turmoil, dissent, without unity, fragmented, dysfunctional lack of goals and purpose
 11. **Uninvited guest** – a criminal posing as a thirsty traveler needing to make a call, but really is there to case the joint. Could be 1 little bug in the kitchen...he got friends!
 12. Oppress – subservient hardship due to the unjust exercise of authority.
To depress, repress, suppress and subdue until subjugation.
 13. Possess – the right to own or take away from another. physical acquisition, having been seized.
 14. Haunt – a manifested, unwanted, troubling spirit that frequents, torments, or plagues a person or place.
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I pray for God's blessing and invite Him to reside in our home. Let the Holy Spirits presence indwell and abide to protect my family. I commit to never compromise or invite an unholy presence of chaos in this house. I rebuke the devil as an uninvited guest who seeks to oppress, possess, and haunt this family. Let Jesus rule over this house and bless this home, AMEN

Scripture –

2 Sam 7: 25 And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house... Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

Matt 7:25 “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. ²⁵ The 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. ²⁶ But 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. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Joshua 24: 15 choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Psalms 127 - Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,

Isa 32:18 - My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.

5 practices of Homes that are blessed by God...

- My personal sad country song – livin in a house...

1. Embrace order in the home – (lead, & repent) Col 3:18-21

* although I make mistakes, I am not controlled by guilt and shame

2. Practice peace – Luke 10:5 (pray, read and sing) 1 Peter 3:7

3. Increase communication, Decrease TV and social media time

4. Build community (church, vacations, holidays)

5. Team up on the devil (fight the good fight) clean out unhealthy influences

Luke 11:24 - “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

Matt 12:25 - “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. ...“Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

Duet 6:6 - You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.¹⁰ “And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you— with great and good cities that you did not build,¹¹ and houses full of all good things

Ps 91:9 The LORD Most High is your fortress. Run to him for safety, and no terrible disasters will strike you or your home.¹¹ God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go.

Heb 3 - the builder of a house deserves more honor than the house.⁴ Of course, every house is built by someone, and God is really the one who built everything.

John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

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I LIVE IN A HOUSE THATS GETTIN PRETTY OLD
IT NEEDS A COAT OF PAINT AND SOME CARPET ON THE FLOOR
BUT ITS MY HOME... ITS MY HOME**

**I LIVE IN A HOUSE WHERE DADDYS NOT AROUND
CAUSE HES BEEN OUT WITH THE BOYS AND HES GONNA PAINT THE
TOWN BUT HES NOT HOME... HES NOT HOME**

**I LIVE IN A HOUSE WHERE MAMAS ALWAYS SAD
SHES CRYIN IN HER ROOM HOPIN SOON TO SEE OUR DAD
WHEN HE GETS HOME... WHEN HE GETS HOME**

**IVE LEARNED THATS THERES A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HOUSE AND
HOME CAUSE WHEN YOUR WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE,
YOUR HEART WILL NEVER ROAM, FROM YOUR HOME...
FROM YOUR HOME**

**ALWAYS REMAIN LOYAL TO YOURE FAMILY, CAUSE THE TIME WILL
COME ONE DAY WHEN YOU WILL BE IN NEED, OF YOURE HOME,
OF YOURE HOME**

**NEVER BUILD YOURE HOUSE UPON THE SINKIN SAND, JUST GIVE IT
TO THE LORD AND HE'LL TAKE YOU BY THE HAND, TO HIS HOME,
TO HIS HOME...**
