

## QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

*JEREMIAH 15:16*

**THEME: Family – The House and the Home in Proverbs**

When was the last time you did a “Walk Through” of your home. Some do this every year for spring cleaning. For most though we do not do this until it is time to put the home on the market to sell it. Then we have a Realtor drop by to give us suggestions on how to make it more marketable. The Realtor walks through our house pointing out this or that repair. This or that item or appliance which must be replaced and suggestions for changes to make the house more pleasing to the buyer. In addition a building inspector will have to certify your home as both safe and in compliance to standards set by the city. This especially applies to any additions or changes you may have made. If you have never been through this process it can be intimidating. You realize, “Wow, I have really gotten used to things I should have changed long ago!”

Most cities or communities have building standards. Homes have to be “up to spec”. In other words they have to meet the building specifications of the housing authority. These standards can be very demanding and specific. God the Holy Spirit uses many building metaphors in describing God’s standards for His people. Example of these are...

### **Testing The Building:**

*1 Corinthians 3:12-13*

*Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.*

### **The Plumb Line:**

*Amos 7:7-8 Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand. The LORD said to me, " What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold I am about to put a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.*

### **The Measuring Rod:**

*Revelation 11:1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.*

When it comes time to sell your home a building inspector will first have to visit to make sure your home is in compliance with safety codes and building specifications. If you have not carefully built, if you have not built by specific standards, if you have not maintained your home, then you will first have to bring it into compliance.

This same principle is true for the Christian home. We go along, things break spiritually or become morally shoddy and we get used to it. We make additions, yet we do not check with God as to their compliance with the Word of God. It is good to periodically do an evaluation of how your home shapes up to the standards set by God. Well why not invite God the Holy Spirit to do a “Walk Through” using the Daily Quiet Times Alone With God. Solomon, the wisest man in the Bible will be your Realtor. God the Holy Spirit will set the standard. The Bible will be your specs and standards manual. By God’s grace your home will become suitable for whoever visits, be they angels, ministers, missionaries, Christian brothers or sisters, your Bible study group or non-Christian friends.

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 3:33**

**How will my actions bless or curse my home?**

**When others see my home what is something they should see and/or not see?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me?**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 2:16 – 18**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 5:1 – 14**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 7:8 – 27**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 11:29**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 12:7**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 14:1**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 14:11**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 15:6**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 15:25**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 15:26 & 27**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 17:1**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 17:13**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 19:14**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 21:9**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 21:12**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 21:20**

**How will my actions bless or curse my home?**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 24:3 & 4**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 24:27**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 24:30 – 34; Ecclesiastes 10:18**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 25:17**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 25:24**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 27:8**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 27:23 – 27**

**How will my actions bless or curse my home?**

**When others see my home what is something they should see and/or not see?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 31:10 – 15**

**How will my actions bless or curse my home?**

**When others see my home what is something they should see and/or not see?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me?**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Proverbs 31:16 – 31**

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