

A home blessing is the dedication of the family and household to the Lord. The family recognize that all they have and all that they will ever have come from the Lord. Effective home and family life does not just happen; it is the result of deliberate intention, determination, and practice. Below is a suggested process for cleansing the home of demonic spirits. Note: Tormented individuals who live in the home will still need their own deliverance to be set free and walk in freedom but this process will help create a favorable spiritual climate in the home. This process and prayer was adapted, with permission, from a teaching originally done by John G. Nichols who went to be with the Lord on January 5, 2002.

FREEING YOUR HOME FROM DEMON SPIRITS

Before the home is blessed the house must be cleansed of all that is offensive to God. This should be done as a family group. None of the items should be given away or allow others to use them. If at all possible they should be burned. Some items must be destroyed while others require wisdom from God as to their destruction. Seek advice when in doubt. [*Warning: Plastic items should not be burned as they will give off toxic smoke. These items must be smashed and destroyed, they cannot be used by others.*]

IDOLS: Destroy every item that has any slight association with idolatry. This includes images, jewelry, jade objects, clothing, display objects, art pieces, masks, talismans, charms, books, literature, and objects that solicit fear or demand reverence of anything besides the true and living God. Be especially mindful of items acquired during trips to foreign countries. Are they occultic symbols or artifacts?

GAMES: All games dealing with the occult, and with the forces of darkness must be destroyed, especially "Dungeons and Dragons" and "Ouija Boards." There are many TV and computer games along these lines that must be included in the destruction. Floppy disks should be destroyed, not erased and reused. And be sure the materials are deleted from where the computer saves deleted files.

PORNOGRAPHY: This includes all pornographic books, novels, magazines, videos, computer materials, and television. If a person cannot overcome his desire to watch trash TV, then he must get rid of the TV. What society calls pornography is not the same as God's definition of it. Most of the soap programs, most talk shows, and many of the other programs are pornographic according to Christ's standards. Also many magazines advocate an immoral lifestyle and antichristian principles so Christians must not subscribe to them or read them. All such materials must be destroyed in the house cleansing.

DOLLS/TOYS: Troll dolls, Pokemon, Anime and Cabbage Patch dolls, from the Orient, have a connection with the occult and have caused problems for many people, so they must be destroyed. Dolls that are "sexually correct" are not proper toys for children, so they should also be destroyed.

MUSIC/VIDEOS: "Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him." 1 John 2:15. Some music falls in a gray area. To be safe we need to make a chasm between the world's music and the music acceptable to God. Music that glorifies violence, sexual freedom and drug use is clearly across the line. Ask the Lord for guidance and/or seek help from others. Some bands pray curses/spells over their music.

DRUGS: Our bodies are the home of the Holy Spirit so we must never harm our bodies but keep them pure and undefiled. Therefore, the use of any drugs that are harmful is forbidden to Christians. Similarly, a person needs deliverance to be set free from the need for "bandaid" prescription drugs such as valium, xanax, zoloft and others. Each person must decide for themselves, but they must remember that they are the temple of the Holy Spirit and must not do anything to harm their body and must destroy all that is harmful.

FALSE TEACHINGS: Get rid of all books and materials that advocate humanism and evolution. There are many good books which present the truth about the creation and where we came from and where we are going. We do not need materials about false philosophies in our homes.

Also, all books and materials advocating false religious teachings should be destroyed. A mature Christian who is able to use these materials in working with those following false teaching may have a reason to own some of these materials. But most Christian should not have the books and materials published by the cults, or others who are not true to the Bible.

Any images of Mary, Jesus, and the saints which have a tendency to be used as "good-luck-charms" should be destroyed. All images and pictures which prevent a person from knowing the true Jesus should be destroyed. Get help from a mature Christian if you have doubts as to what should be done here.

NOTE: When Israel was preparing to enter the promise land the people were told, "The engraved images of their gods shall you burn with fire: you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it to you, lest you be snared therein; for it is an abomination to Yahweh your God. You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and become a devoted thing like it: you shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing." Deuteronomy 7:25,26. We should follow the same principle when anything of value, such as gold or silver, is left over after the destruction party. It should not be used for our own purposes as it is sanctified by fire and should be given to God for His purposes.

NOTE: Sometimes a family member will have a stash of pornography or liquor or drugs that is unknown to the other members of the family. In such cases the family member should confess his sins, ask forgiveness from his family and from God and add all of the hidden materials to the items being destroyed.

BLESSING THE HOME

The home blessing may take place immediately after the destruction party or may be held later.

The service itself should be a simple affair but very meaningful. This is a good time to be an example to others of the family's dedication to Christ as Lord, so if possible the family's relatives, friends, and assembly members should be present. Suggested format as follows:

1. **First start with a time of worship** through songs, testimonies of God's blessings, and prayer. This will naturally flow into -

2. **A time of thanksgiving.** The head of the household gives thanks for each member of the family, God's goodness upon the various members of the household, His faithfulness to the family, God's watch care and protection, and His abundant bestowal of health and strength, both physical and spiritual.

3. **Bless the members of the household and break the power of demonic curses and torment over the home.** The following is an example but creativity is encouraged. You need not follow this prayer verbatim.

"Our Father in heaven, we thank You for Your kindness and goodness to to us all. Your grace had been evident to all the members of this household. Now, in the Name of Jesus, we speak blessing over this household. Grant us a heart that fears You. Help us to walk in Your ways and lead this family to do the same. Grant us health, strength and wisdom to walk before You in sincerity, truth and humility. Bless the labor of our hands so that he will make honest gains and provide abundantly for this household. May there always be food on the table, clothes on the back, and a roof over us by night. Teach us to live in simplicity and contentment. May we always have enough and be willing to share with all who come to them in need. Grant us the grace to exercise the gift of hospitality.

"Father, we pray the blood of Jesus over this home right now. We break the power of plan and scheme of the enemy to bring destruction upon this marriage, family and home. We break the power of any curse, spell or demonic assignment attached to this dwelling or ancestral curse upon the land. We bind and cast out every spirit of darkness over and about this home and send these spirits to dry, uninhabited places. . We ask for warring angels to be dispatched around this home and put a hedge around this family and protect them from all the forces of evil, and keep them from the wiles and attacks of the enemy.

"Bless this home with Your love and peace. Fill these rooms with Your joy and laughter. Let these be great halls of learning of Your truth and grace. Let Your glory shine through these windows to the neighbors. May their kind words and consideration for others draw many into Your kingdom. Bless this family richly in the precious name of Jesus. Amen."

4. **Anoint the rooms with oil** (door frames, walls, windows, floors) and **pray briefly at each location** (avoid leaving oil on surfaces such as drywall or fabrics that will leave a stain).

Sample prayer: *"I pray the blood of Jesus over this room and I thank you Lord for protecting this dwelling"* or *"I pray the blood of Jesus here and I tell you Satan and your kingdom will not cross the Blood line of Jesus for now and all eternity."*