

## **A New and Living Way!**

### **Part 7: "Our Homes as Sanctuaries!"**

**"There is more hope for a fool than a man operating from the conceit of his own wisdom..." We are pursuing the wisdom of God on the new and living way Jesus opened for us, for every area of life! Because we don't want to be foolish... but wise and successful in this life!**

**In pursuit...** Of God and His ways for Partnering, Parenting, Prospering and Preparing for our future... The "Big Four" that should be the focus of our attention and labors! Of building a strong family foundation for the times ahead... Our homes must become our sanctuary... Cities of refuge in troubled times! Of bringing the world to Jesus by the success of our rule over our world!

**Asides...** Last Sunday night at the I-stand Rally... It became evident that the Spirit of God is stirring multitudes about the times! Last Wednesday night the Family Project asked: "Are you content living w/o opposition when our faith is so opposed?" Are we in, ALL-IN, or waiting, watching to see how things go? There is an awakening, a movement of people, reading the times/wanting to know what to do/facing the future! And preparation begins at home: God designed the rule of earth to proceed from a home established in Him! **G1.28**

Doesn't mean singles can't rule... "to some it is *given* to be single." **Mt 19.11** "No necessity/power over will..." **1C7.37** Ones who don't have the *gift* are free to focus on serving while they wait! **1C7.32** Not good to be alone/don't want to burn with desire! **G2.18 1C7.2**

**A home in balance is where we deal with family God's way; loving, serving, building the kingdom!**

**When We Left Off...** We were engaging the tools that help us build our family foundations! Commercial break for communication... (LOVE LANGUAGES BOOK/HOMEWORK) We were engaging the tools that help us build our family foundations! Chapman's *Five Love Languages* works at home, in business, in classrooms, in close friendships! *Never go wrong communicating well!* Feedback was good/action gratifying/ investment rewarding! Life will be better for your efforts! And your efforts speak of your love!

***"If you love Me show it by doing what I've said! If anyone loves Me they will keep My words!"***  
***J14.15,23***

**Similarly, we should *show our love for God and each other by words and actions!*** We are in the process of hearing, seeing and applying the wisdom of God on our *new and living way!*  
Commercial break... again! MAXIMUM MARRIAGE! Commercial Break... (again!) "RESET!"

**Exercise... Let's build strong homes by *fading the heat...* keep it from getting in! E+S = EEW** Home is supposed to be our sanctuary!

**So, what sets you on fire?** Relationship stress? Ex-relationship stress? Health issues? Future forecasts? Money problems?

**Money, Money, Money, Money...** One of the Big Four! Great servant, lousy Master (mammon)! NLW: "Make friends for yourselves with your use of mammon so that when you die there will be people there to welcome you into eternity! **Lk 16.9** Wisdom of God: "You can't serve (doulos) two masters. You will hate one and love the other. You will be loyal to one and disesteem the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." **Mt 6.24** Owe no man anything but love! **R13.8** "For the debtor is the servant of the lender!" **Pr 22.7** Shocker: "Rich young ruler walked away from Jesus, and His offers, grieved because he was very rich!" **Mk10.22** "Those who strive for riches fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction..." **1Tim 6.9**

*And yet, God wants us to prosper!*

**Money is not the problem, the love of money is... and “he” is a terminal “lover!”**

**Truth about Money...** A foreign lover has no place in your Godly home! A “heated pursuit” often means the sacrifice of those you should be loving! Often the root of envy and strife! Keep it inanimate/just a tool to do good! As a master it has the power to generate fear and put you in bondage! Fear of inequality with friends... To fear of going under... Bondage of compromising... (DEBT!)

**Truth about Money...** There is no debtors prison in America! You can die and go to heaven with debt! If you keep your head/heart fixed on the Lord He will show you the way out... Always begins with repentance for idolatry. And the tithing covenant! And provide the power for you to get wealth... To get out of debt/have all you need! To give it away to help others! And leave some behind for heirs!

**Our homes need to be sanctuaries; places for love and healing, peace and safety, strength and strategy!  
And we’re only going to get there by the words and wisdom of God’s new and living way!**