

After writing the blessings have the family confess their sins, sing some Christian songs, pray as a family for God's presence, and then take your blessings to all the doors (including the garage door) of the house. Type the blessings up and frame them to remind you of what you have asked of the Lord.

2) Remove Desecration: Carefully go through your home and remove all items that may desecrate your home. (God richly blessed King Asa after he cleansed Israel of all the deplorable idols, etc., I Kings 15:11-12). Look for occult symbols, games, art, books, and decorations. Have decorations become idols? Which is more prominent the team you root for or the Savior you worship? Be thorough, and don't make excuses for items that have some sentimental value. If they don't enhance God's spiritual presence in your home, you don't want it there.

3) Fill Your Home with objects, sounds, and activities that Honor the Lord (I Samuel 2:30)

a. Include Christian art, symbols, and objects in your home, and look for

beautiful art to add to the beauty of your home.

b. Begin to accumulate beautiful, readable Bibles that can decorate each room of your house. This will make the Bible a prominent symbol in your home, easy to find whenever you need one, and a wonderful conversation starter at times when you host family and friends.

c. Find a Christian symbol to place on your front door. Does it proclaim your joy at being a Christian to the world?
d. Can you include Christian magazines or books in places of prominence, so you will read more Christian material to build on your faith?

e. Are family devotionals, prayer, and Christian discussions a regular part of what happens in your home?

f. Make sure your celebrations are full of thanks to the Lord, and focus on faith rather than materialism (Christmas). Avoid the occult at all times (e.g. horoscopes, books that teach unbiblical concepts, tarot cards, crystals, etc.)

g. Fill your home with Christian Music (FM 88.3 Air One, 88.5 WJIE, 89.7 and 91.5 are both KLOV, 94.7 is Christian

Talk, 104.3 and 105.9 are both WAY FM)

4) Maintain Protection

a. Pray without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17) Anointing is not magic. It consecrates the home to the Lord, and your desire for God's blessing needs to be affirmed over and over. For example, the temple of the Lord in the Old Testament was desecrated several times through the centuries. When King Hezekiah cleansed the temple the blessing of the Lord was profound, II Chronicles 29-31. A sample prayer to pray at least once a week over your home, or even every room of your home, and the property it sits on is as follows:

Prayer for Continued Protection of Your Home

In the name of Jesus Christ, bind up any evil that may be in our come into this... (pray through the rooms and the property of your home), and cast them away to a place where you alone can control it. Loose your Spirit upon this... (name the rooms and property) that it will be a place of ... (pronounce a blessing upon the different parts of

your home). You are the Lord of my life and of this place. Lord, fill this home with your holy presence. Use it for your purposes. Set your watching angels at the boundaries of this property to shield and protect us from evil, according to your word (Jn 17:15; 2Thes 3:3). I proclaim that the power of the evil one has no place here. Through the name that is above every name, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

b. Husbands maintain spiritual authority (Ephesians 5:23). One of the biggest sins for men is passivity (in Genesis 4 instead of protecting Eve, Adam watched passively as satan tempted her to see what would happen next. Women, if your husband refuses to lead, then it would be better to consecrate your home than not to at all.

c. Confront ungodly values: TV, internet, and social media. Monitor what is watched and listened to in the home, and avoid that which glorifies anything other than God.

d. Provide a place for peace, love, and faith for family, friends, and acquaintances. You will hear people, even non-believers talk of how peaceful your home is if you follow this checklist.

5) Establish a Godly Heritage

(Second Commandment, Exodus 20:4) God promises to bless those who bless His name in their families to the thousandth generation and punish the families to the third and fourth generation who turn away from the Lord.

a. Pray for children's faith and spouse from now on. The two things that will have the biggest impact on your kids lives is whether they have a strong, biblical saving faith in Jesus Christ, and whether they choose the right spouse. Start praying today for God to open the doors for your kids in these two ways. Pray for your grandchildren as well.

b. Pray for your home, thanking God always for providing for your needs (I Thessalonians 5:18)

(the following was adapted from the book The Believer's Guide to Spiritual Warfare by Thomas B. White.)



CHECKLIST FOR



CONSECRATING

YOUR HOME TO THE LORD

**A plan for opening the floodgates
of the Lord's love, mercy, and
peace
to bless your family, friends, and
acquaintances who come into your
home**

**Psalm 127:1, "Unless
the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain."**

1) Anoint your home with virgin olive oil. If at all possible, gather the family for a worship service together. Read the following scriptures: Exodus 12:21-23, James 5:13-16. These scriptures set the stage for the anointing. The Jews protected their homes with the blood of the lamb on the doorposts and lintel. As Christians we anoint, and this service uses three oil crosses in place of the blood of the lamb. Invite the family to write three blessings they would like God to put on their home.