

Is Your Home a Place of Blessing or Cursing?

Proverbs 3:33

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33 The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked,
but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

I. A house that is not governed by the standards of God will suffer the _____. (Proverbs 3:33)

- A. _____ is defined as one who is living immorally or walking in violation of biblical standards or whose lifestyle is inconsistent with God's standards.
- B. A _____ is defined as a pronouncement or sentence of misfortune as a result of wickedness. It can result in being hemmed in with obstacles or being placed in a bind, or being powerless to change situations or circumstances because one continues in sin; a hovering evil as a result of continuing in sin.
- C. When the _____ of the family is inconsistent with God's standards for the family, they may experience:
1. The answer of 'no' to prayer request. (Proverbs 15:29)
 2. Constantly stumbling into trouble without seeing the stumbling block. (Proverbs 4:19)
 3. Confusion and disorder manifesting in the home consistently because of the pursuit of selfish ambition in the home above seeking God's ambition for the home. (James 3:13-16)
 4. Being trapped or enslaved to sinful habits. (Proverbs 5:21-22)

5. Negative consequences of unrepentant sin. (Proverbs 10:24)
6. Insatiable desire for more of everything with a lack of contentment with what they have. (Proverbs 13:25)

II. A house that is governed by the standards of God will reap the

_____ **(Proverbs 3:33)**

- A. _____ is defined as one who is walking in harmony (not perfection) with biblical standards; one whose lifestyle is consistent (not perfect) with God's standard.
- B. _____ is defined as the bestowal of material goods or benefits and the empowerment to enjoy those things in their fullness, as a result of righteousness; having favorable circumstances as a result of righteousness.
- C. When the _____ of the family is consistent with God's standards for the family, they may experience:
 1. The answer of 'yes' to prayer request. (Proverbs 15:29)
 2. The ability to see danger and run from it. (Proverbs 22:3)
 3. Harmony and peace in the home as a result of walking by the wisdom of God instead of the wisdom of the world. (James 3:13-18)
 4. Stability in hard times. (Proverbs 10:25)
 5. Confidence in the presence of God because they know they are living honorably before Him. (Proverbs 28:1)

6. Contentment with what they have. (Proverbs 13:25)

III. We must develop and maintain a house governed by the

_____ of God by:

- A. Learning, accepting and _____ to God's standards for all aspect of life and family knowing we have been empowered by God's grace with the ability to do so. (John 8:31-32, Romans 12:2, Philippians 2:12-13, 2 Peter 1:1-4)

- B. Confessing and _____ of all known sin to God and to others we have sinned against. (1 John 1:9, James 5:16, Proverbs 28:13, 2 Cor.7:10-11)

- C. Forgiving and _____ others as we have been forgiven and loved by God. (Ephesians 4:32, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 18:21-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

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