

Homes as Ministry Centers - Part 1 of 2



Whole-Bible Survey

Introduction

- Christ the Redeemer Church does not have a building, so where is the church Monday-Saturday?
- Many of you are already using your house or apartment or dorm room for kingdom purposes. Way to go! Feel free to use the GroupMe list to invite others to join with you in ministry and hospitality projects!
- 2,000 instances in the ESV Bible of the words “dwell,” “house,” “home,” “tent,” and “family.”
- 10 TRENDS - Homes are a place for: Evangelism, Mercy, Worship, Instruction, Industry, Hospitality, Eating, Defense, Extended Family, Building. (You’ll see this list again!)



1. Homes are a place for: Building (1 of 2)

Deut. 20:5 Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying, 'Is there any man who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go back to his house...

Deut. 24: 5 "When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be liable for any other public duty. He shall be free at home one year to be happy with his wife whom he has taken.

Psalms 127:1 Of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain...

Matt. 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock... Luke 6:48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built...

Nehemiah 3:10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house... next to him Hattush Hashabneiah's son repaired...



1. Homes are a place for: Building (2 of 2)

Prov. 19:14 House and wealth are inherited from fathers...

Prov. 27:8 Like a bird that strays from its nest is a man who strays from his home.

Prov. 7:11 She [the strange woman] is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home... **14:1** The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down.

Titus 2:4-5 train the young women to love their husband and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Psalms 128:3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Psalms 113:9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

1Tim. 5:14 So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander.



2. Homes are a place for: Extended Family (1 of 2)

Numbers 30:3 If a woman vows a vow to the LORD... while within her father's house in her youth..

1Cor. 7:38 So then he who gives *her* in marriage does well, but he who does not give *her* in marriage does better.

Genesis 7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household... [including Shem, Ham, Japheth and their wives]

Genesis 45:10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me [Joseph], you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

John 19:27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

1Tim. 5:4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents... **8** But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith...



2. Homes are a place for: Extended Family (2of 2)

Deut. 15:16 But if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he is well-off with you... then he shall be your servant forever.

Genesis 14:14 When Abram heard that his kinsman [Lot] had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

Job 19:15 The guests in my house and my maidservants...

Deut. 12:29 "...your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land...

Zeph. 2:7 The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; They shall feed *their* flocks there; In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down.

Luke 19:5 "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

Rev. 2:13 I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name... (**Matt.16:18** ...the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.)



3. Homes are a place for: Cleanness & Safety



“[I]nstead of merely selling a brand, marketers are selling the behavior that sells product...” ~Henry Reyenga, *Home-Discipleship Christianity*

Rom. 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world...

Deut. 7:26 And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it...

Leviticus 14:35 ...he who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, 'There seems to me to be some case of disease in my house.' **36** Then the priest shall command that they empty the house... **41** And he shall have the inside of the house scraped all around... and he shall take other plaster and plaster the house... (cf. **Eph. 5** and **Rev. where Christ purifies**)

Neh. 4:14 "...Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."
7:3 let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from the inhabitants... some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes."

2Tim. 1:14 By the Holy Spirit... guard t. good deposit entrusted to you... **4:2**

4. Homes are a place for: Eating (1 of 2)

“Any socialist, feminist society of the future will find socializing domestic work at the heart of its concerns.” ~D Hayden, *Grand Domestic Revolution*

“[T]he stay-at-home wife is the single greatest deterrent to socialism. Private houses, private kitchens, private children - all must go.” ~Mary Pride, *The Way Home*

Job 1:4 His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would... invite their 3 sisters to eat and drink with them.

Job 42:11 Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house...

2Sam. 12:20 Then David arose from the earth and washed... and changed his clothes... He then went to his own house... and he ate.

Prov. 31:15 She rises while it is yet dark and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.



4. Homes are a place for: Eating (2 of 2)

Song 2:4 He brought me to his banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Luke 14:1 One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler...

Mark 14:3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table...

Mark 2:15 as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus... for there were many who followed him.... “Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?”

Matt. 24:45 Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time?

1Cor. 11:22a What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?

The one thing that the top 1% of U.S. High School students shared in common was that they ate at least one meal a day together with their family. ~National Merit Scholarship Corporation, letter from 2010



5. Homes are a place for: Hospitality (1 of 2)

Genesis 18:1-8 ..."O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread..."

Genesis 19:2 and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet..."

Judges 6:19 So Gideon went into his house... The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him...

Judges 19:15 an old man... brought him into his house and gave the donkeys feed. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

2Sa 17:18 ...they came to the house of a man at Bahurim, who had a well

1Kings 17:9ff "Please bring me a little water in a cup... and... a morsel of bread in your hand." And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days...

2Kings 4:8-10 ...she urged him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way, he would turn in there to eat food. And she said to her husband, "Behold now... Let us make a small room on the roof with... a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes... he can go in there."



5. Homes are a place for: Hospitality (2 of 2)

Luke 7:36 One of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him, so He went into the Pharisee's house and took His place at the table.

Luke 10:38a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.

Lk. 22:10...man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house

Mk. 1:29 ...He left the synagogue & entered the house of Simon & Andrew.

Matt. 26:6 ...Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper...

Acts 10:6 Peter... lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.

Acts 16:15 she urged us, "...come to my house and stay."

Acts 21:8 ...we entered the house of Philip the evangelist... stayed with him.

Acts 21:16...Mnason of Cyprus... with whom we should lodge.

2Tim. 1:16 Onesiphorus... often refreshed me and was not ashamed...

Acts 17:5-9 ...a mob... attacked the house of Jason... dragged Jason... before the authorities... And took money from Jason... for receiving [Paul]

“People today are hungry—really hungry—for personal contact with another human being who cares about them... and domestic art makes that sharing beautiful.” ~Edith Schaeffer, *The Hidden Art of Homemaking*



CONCLUSION

- Church buildings are not unBiblical, but, for now, let's expand our vision for the potential of what we've currently got in our own homes!
- Each of us is building a house. Build it with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to give it a firm foundation. He will dwell with us when we do this.
- Look for the expansion of our house to embrace children, parents, employees, and others.
- Vigilantly defend the purity of our homes.
- Eat meals and live in our homes and create a culture in our homes that reflects the nature of God.

