

Securing Our Homes

Many thieves we hear about today are referred to as porch pirates. They're called that because they capitalize on packages left unattended on the front porch. This kind of thievery has led to the rise of video doorbells. With the technology we have you can actually talk to the burglar.

Did you know there is a master thief out there who attempts to steal from us every day? This is a thief who wants to do more than just steal your smart phone or steal the information on your credit card. Jesus refers to this thief as the Devil, whose goal is to steal our spiritual blessings.

Satan wants to Burglarize Marriage:

Think about how many marriages are falling apart because of Satan's assault on the sanctity of marriage. Divorce is on the rise because spouses are not treating each other as they should. We're not esteeming the other person better than ourselves as it says to do in Philippians 2:3.

We are not treating one another as we would want to be treated as Jesus says to do in Matt 7:12.

Marriage vows are being broken because people no longer look at marriage as something that is sacred. What kind of security can we put in our homes to prevent the Devil from breaking into a marriage?

Husbands.

Eph 5:25 says, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for Her."

1 Peter 3:7 says, "Husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way."

Wives: Eph 5:33 says, "You need to respect your husband."

Verse 23, "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body."

Honor one another (Rom 12:10)

Husbands are to honor their wives and if they don't their prayers will be hindered (1 Pet 3:7).

The word honor means "to highly esteem."

Safeguard your children:

Teach them the Bible.

Eph 6:4 says "Fathers don't provoke your children to wrath. Don't be overly harsh and bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Prov 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way they should, so when they become old, they will not depart from it."

God says in Deut 11:19, "You shall teach My words to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

Discipline them:

Prov 13:24, "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly."

Prov 23:14, "You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell."

Spend time with them:

In Matthew 19, the Apostles thought that Jesus had more important things to do than to be pestered by children who wanted to touch Him and to pray. In verse 14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Close: In our lesson today, hopefully I've given us some ways to prevent home invasions.

2 Cor 2:11 says, "In order for Satan to not outsmart us do not be unaware of the Devil's schemes."