



Kids Column



>>> ● **LUKE 5:27-29:** What about **LEVI (MATTHEW)**, "... After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." 28 So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

● **LUKE 9:46-48:** The **DISCIPLES**, "... Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. 47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, 48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

● **LUKE 9:54-56:** What **JAMES** and **JOHN** wanted to do to the Samaritans, "... And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56 "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."

● **LUKE 10:40-41:** What about **MARTHA**, "... Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things."

● **LUKE 22:31-32:** What about **PETER**, "... And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

● **LUKE 11:24-26:** What about the **NATION (ISRAEL)** or even **MAN** for that matter, "... When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 "And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

THE CONCLUSION: Myself, I can look at my life and see where I've been both, "Strong and Weak", "Rich and Poor", "Full and Empty", "Clothed and Naked", "Clean and Defiled", "Prideful and Humble", "Useful and Worthless", "Thankful and Unthankful", "Fearless and Afraid", "Happy and Sad." In all of this, have I learned nothing or have I learned that **GOD** has been working on **MY HOUSE** making it **FIT FOR HIM TO LIVE IN?**

"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:25)

William Randolph Hearst once read of an extremely valuable piece of art, which he decided he must add to his extensive collection. He instructed his agent to scour the galleries of the world to find the masterpiece he was determined to have at any price. After many months of painstaking search, the agent reported that the piece already belonged to Mr. Hearst and had been stored in one of his warehouses for many years.

Christians are often like Mr. Hearst. To enhance their spirituality, they are looking for something new, different, or special when, all the while, it is at their fingertips. All they need to do is avail themselves of what God has already provided for them.

Gods Plan of Salvation

Hear-Romans 10:17, Believe John-8:24, Repent-Luke 13:3, Confess Romans-10:9-10, Baptism-Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful-Revelation 2:10

12/8/24

Seeking Truth

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:00AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:00 PM



PICTURES WITH PURPOSE

By: Allen Shepherd

THE STORY: How do you like the house you live in? You may not, and you might have some ideas about how you'd like it to be fixed. On the other hand, you may like things just the way they are and it would upset you if somebody came around and tried to change things. Now think about that for a minute, either way, it's **YOUR HOUSE**.

THE POINT: I saw something one of my daughters (Katie) had posted on social media some years ago on (July 31, 2011 at 6:30 AM) as being a favorite thought. It said ...
"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But then He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts badly and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."

THE APPLICATION: It could be that we look at our **SPIRITUAL HOUSE** a whole lot like we look at our **PHYSICAL HOUSE**. In other words, we have our own ideas what it should be! But God may have other ideas ... >>>