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Topic for the month:

Organizing Your Home According to Biblical Principles

"Making Your Home Your Haven"



"HAVEN" means a place of harbor, anchorage, a place of refuge, a sanctuary, a place of peace and rest. Your home is a place of slowing down, a place of safety and comfort, a holy place. Your haven should be a house of order, not disorder. Scripture says, (1 Corinthians 14:33), "God is a God of order not disorder." Is your haven orderly and organized? Are you and God resting wholly and peacefully?

Friends, are you aware of the dangers of clutter in your home and how it affects your overall life spiritually? Clutter will slowly drain life from your entire being and will cause you to deteriorate emotionally and physically, denying the Holy Spirit access to your life and spirit. The spirit becomes weakened and consequently a disconnection will occur from your church, family, friends, and sadly even God. Each one of us most likely knows someone in this type of situation.

Before maintaining an organized, orderly home, you must understand how God desires for you to live. He has specific standards and expectations for your life. A measure of those standards and expectations begin right in your own environment and surroundings. My friend, there are biblical principles of which God desires you to live. Allow me to share five of these principles with you.

God's Biblical Principles for You to Live By

Principle number one: Know WHO YOU ARE in Christ

God's Word says, "YOU are my child." YOU are connected with God and the Holy Spirit. YOU are his prize possession and the apple of his eye. Scripture says, (Psalm 17:8), "Keep me as the apple of your eye, and hide me in the shadow of your wings." This means that he protects and covers YOU with his affection and love. Are you seeing how unique and special YOU are as a Child of God?

So why do you feel your value and identity are linked to your possessions? Friends, your value, identity and self-worth do not exist in your possessions, but in Christ alone. The Bible says a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Interpreted as, we have this insatiable lust for material possessions. You do not fully comprehend your own human existence. If you grasped this concept your possessions would mean nothing.

Principle number two: RECOGNIZE and REALIZE

There are three dangers of putting too much value on your possessions and you must **recognize** and **realize** these three dangers. **Lust**, which is a sinful desire, a wrong attitude of the mind and heart. **Covetousness**, this means to desire enviously which belongs to another. **Materialism**, the theory that physical possessions are reality and that everything is explainable in terms of possessions. Scripture says, (Colossians 3:2), "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Your mind should be focused on the things of heaven (of higher value), not on earthly possessions. Friend, God does not say that you cannot have possessions, BUT they must never take the place **of him**. Due to his love for you, it is his desire to bless you with things and bless you with an abundant life.

Principle number three: SIMPLIFY Your Life

Simplify means to make simple or simpler. Living with simplicity means living with purity, clarity, easiness and cleanliness. Learning to live simply is not only about changing how you live with your possessions, but finding peace and rest. They should not complicate or cause uneasiness in your life. They should not inflict hardship or be a burden. They should simplify and compliment your life. Scripture says, "Do not be conformed to the ways of the world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." This means your mind and your life are no longer conformed to the world's standards, but are transformed according to God's standards. His Will and standards are for you to live simple and stress free. Friend, having excessive possessions can cause your life to become clogged and weighted down, which hinders God from flowing in your life. Using the metaphor of a clogged drain, when a drain is lodged with grime and junk the flow is hindered. In order for the water to flow freely again, Drano is needed to dislodge the grime. Such as your life, as you begin the process of eliminating clutter, this allows God to commence flowing and moving through your life.



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**Greetings from Neat Niche
by Karen, LLC.**

Hello friends, family and
colleagues,

My goodness it is so great to be present with you after a long period of quietness. Neat Niche continues to be successful and God has great plans for my future. My clients are successful in organizing their homes and lives, and most of all they are staying that way. I AM LOVING IT!

Currently, I am involved in a group at Columbus State Community College titled, "Business by the Book". We are taught how to conduct our businesses according to biblical principles. IT IS AWESOME!!

In addition to my business occupying my time, I have met a wonderful man via ChristianMingle.com. He lives in Maryland, but the heart knows no distance. He is very supportive and encouraging in what I am doing. What a blessing!☺ SINGLE ladies, you need to investigate this dating site.

On a personal note in regards to family, my sister Neice recently married. My brother Rob won full custody of my nephew Nicholas - YEA!! He is five now. My parents are waiting patiently to sell their home - a beautiful home settled on 5 acres if you are interested. My sister Sandy is off to India again-her passion. She is involved in an environmental cause titled "Fracking". Her daughters are grown and experiencing life to the fullest. My brother Doug and his wife Stephanie have been vacationing all summer and both have beautiful tans. We are truly blessed!!!



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Principle number four: Organization and Orderliness

Orderly or organization means having systems and processes in place, resulting in systems being efficient, productive, and in position. Your home necessitates a place where God can dwell as HE is a God of order, not disorder, (1 Corinthians 14:33). Through organization and orderliness, this encourages an environment where God is comfortable and able to maneuver in your life. I like to use the metaphor of planting a palm tree in Alaska. We know that palm trees are incapable of thriving in Alaska due to a very cold environment. This type of tree thrives in an environment of moist, sunny, warm weather. Unless the conditions and environment are suitable, the tree will not survive, it slowly dies. As with God, unless you create a proper environment of orderliness and organization, he cannot bring his plan for your life to fruition. As well, your environment needs to be predictable and orderly. Without order there is no predictability, and without predictability there is no order. The whole family and household system will crumble without these two elements. Be vigilant and aware of what the dis-ease or disorder is in your environment.

Principle number five: GLORIFY God in Your Home

Glorifying God means praising, worshipping and exalting HIM. By doing these acts you are giving him honor and **place** in your home. Glorify God in your home through every action and every word. Scripture says, (1 Corinthians 10:31), "So whether you eat or drink, or WHATEVER you do, do it ALL for the GLORY of God." Glorify God in hospitality with friends. Glorify him in being a good parent and in your daily walk. Elevate and glorify God in your home by establishing a firm foundation. Let nothing shake, disturb, or collapse it. Scripture says, (Proverbs 24:3-4), "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures." This means with wisdom from God you build your family, you build your home, and with understanding it gives solidity. This means your foundation is firm and you dwell in an upstanding household environment. Friend, fill your home with things that are proper, lovely, holy and pleasing to God.

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Friends, I hope this information has been valuable to you as it has been to me and my clients. Please share with me your feedback and comments at NeatNicheKaren@aol.com, or 614-785-9047. Also, please contact me in regards to presenting this topic in-full, to your organization, church group, ladies groups, or social events. As well, the holidays are fast approaching and I would love to share tips and suggestions on how to enjoy a stress-free, less hectic holiday season. The topic of discussion is in regards to, "Getting Organized for the Holidays". Of course, contact me for your organizing needs as well!! Be blessed!!!

Yours truly,
Karen Augustine/Professional Organizer.

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