

Home Improvement!



Bring in the wrecking ball!

Many times when a home needs to be remodeled it is due to termite damage, mold problems, structural damage, or extreme neglect. In such cases, the first thin the crew has to do is “bring in the wrecking ball.” While they may not literally be knocking down every wall, they are having to eliminate the bad things in order to bring in the good.

The scriptures teach that we are a temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19.) Just like when you move into a new home you want to make it “your own” God wants to make you “His own.” In order to do that, there are some things in your life that must be eliminated before the excellence of His handiwork can be displayed in your life.

Phase
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We Must Destroy Selfishness!

Scripture: James 3:16

- We can become so wrapped up in thinking about our “stuff,” usually thinking we do not have enough. Then we are humbled when we look to Jesus
- It isn’t always “stuff” that we are selfish with. Many times it is simply getting our way in every aspect of life.
- One of the most selfish acts we perform is keeping our mouths closed and not sharing the Gospel.

We Must Destroy Hatred!

Scripture: 1 John 2:9

- Definition: Hate- pursue with hatred, to detest, to persecute
- One cannot claim to be a Christian while ignoring the 2nd greatest command (Mathew 22:39)
- As with all things, Christ is our example. He was able to love and forgive even as He was being crucified. (Luke 23:34)

We Must Destroy Apathy!

Scripture: Revelation 3:16

- This is the silent killer of individuals, and churches.
- David, the man after God’s heart stated that he sought God with his “Whole heart” psalm 119:10

Challenge!

1. Give up something this week that you normally enjoy and dedicate that time to help someone who needs it.
2. Spend time in prayer this week for someone that you normally do not get along with.
3. Invite someone to come to Bible class with you next Sunday.
4. Look for one area that you can serve your congregation (that you don’t normally do.) and break out of any “rut” you may be in!

Discussion:

1. What are some ways we can replace our selfish desires, with selfless acts?
2. Is all hatred bad? (Psalm 119:128)
3. Why do you think we see so much apathy in churches today?
4. What things can we do to “light our fire” spiritually? (Jeremiah 20:9)