

Christ at Home

Ephesians 3:17; 4:20-24

Opening Illustration – FBFI – we all have three lives. Picture of front yard, house, basement.

Three daily housekeeping chores:

1. **Clean it Out** (Ephesians 4:20-22) “Put off”
 - **Psalm 44:21** – “Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.”
 - **Psalm 51:6** – “Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”
 - **Galatians 5:16-17** – “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”

III – Sump pump – apartment in basement

2. **Fill it Up** (Ephesians 4:23) “Renewal”
 - **Psalm 119:9-11** – “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”
 - **James 1:21-22** – “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”
 - **Romans 15:13** – “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

Insert PURE notes – Picture of mind vs. brain.

3. **Let Christ Rule** (Ephesians 4:24) “Put on”

“Let the Resident be the precedent.”
Let the Holy Spirit live there!

 - **John 15:13** – “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”
 - **John**

Close – Dunbar House – resident in the basement.

Introduction – Romans 2:16 – “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

Someday everyone's “secrets” will be revealed.

- Lost
- Saved – How is your “basement” Would Christ's Spirit feel comfortable in your heart?

Illustration – My Heart, Christ's Home

PURE

1. **Protect Your Friendships** (I Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:20).

The Bible continually enforces the need for godly friends. Choose to protect your friendships with one that "will never leave you or forsake you" (Heb 13:5b).

2. **Understand Your Temptations** (I Cor. 10:13).

Three-step process:

- The Devil will build a temptation around what you desire (James 1:12-14).
- Desires develop by what you taste.
- Taste create demands.

"The immature are constantly attracted to the forbidden and prohibitive."



3. **Renew Your Mind** (Romans 7:24-25; 12:2; Eph. 4:23).

a. **Definitions**

Three primary functions (Phil. 2:5; Is. 26:3; Romans 8:6):

- Reasonings: The ability to add up facts to come to a conclusion (Used 71 times in Scripture – *log-is-mos* in Hebrew).
- Imaginations (II Corinthians 10:5): The ability to create mental images (Used 20 times in Scripture – *yester* in Hebrew).
- Memory (I Corinthians 15:2; Isaiah 26:3): The ability to recall past events (Used in 800 varying forms in Scriptures).

b. **Dynamics**

- Recognize your level of intensity and progression (1 Cor 7:9; Gen 3:1-6).
- Replace negative with a positive (Luke 11:24; Philippians 4:8)
- Review Scripture
 - Memorize (Psalm 119:9-11; Philippians 4:8).
 - Meditate (Psalm 119:15; Psalm 63:6; Joshua 1:8).
 - Master (John 15:7).

4. **Exercise Your Will** (Psalm 101).

Timothy learned to be strong in the Lord by "fighting the good fight of faith" (II Timothy 2:3-7). This resulted in controlling one's self through the power of the spirit (Gal. 5:16ff).

Point: Choose to have your will in line with God's will (John 4:34; 6:38; 8:39).