

Are You A Door?

Of all the features on a home, none are more important than the doors. This can be seen by simply considering the absurdity of a house without doors. If there were only solid walls, nobody could get inside. If there were only open doorways, anyone could get inside. The door is the place where we allow things and people to enter that we want and to prevent the entrance of things and people we do not.

The head of a household must function as a porter. He must determine what is and isn't allowed to come inside. This means that parents, and especially fathers are responsible for all of the people and things that are in his home. This includes the guests, the DVD's, the clothes, the music, the posters and to a great extent, the attitudes. The things that are in your home are there because you let them in and they remain there because you allow them to stay.

Jesus calls Himself the door (John 10:7). He tells us that if we enter through Him we will be saved and go in and out and find pasture (v. 9). This tells us a great deal about how a door should work. Jesus opens the door so that His sheep can find protection from the wolves that prey on them in the night. He opens the door to lead His flock out to green pastures. He closes the door against the predators, but opens the door for the things that bring refreshment and life.

In this same way, we must learn to say yes to the people and things that feed our families, and no to the things that want to eat our families. Too many heads of households have removed the door from their homes and replaced them with turnstiles. Anything can come and go at will. We let evil come in, because we would rather make peace with the wolves than have a fuss at the door. Now is the time for fathers and mothers to take responsibility. Now is the time to stand at the door and let in the life giving influences of goodness, truth and beauty. Now is the time to discern these things from the evil that lurks and crouches at our door - things which must be shut out.