



THE FAMILY






Foundations of a Christian Home

Proverbs 24:3-4 "By Wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."





3 keys to the foundations of a Blessed Home

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- **1. Wisdom Builds a Home, v3a**
 - **2. Understanding Establishes a Home, v3b**
 - **3. Knowledge Fills a Home with Riches, v4**






Total divorces granted, Australia, 1992–2012

- In 2012, there were 49,917 divorces granted in Australia, an increase of 982 (2.0%) compared to 2011.




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- **Wisdom is the ability to perceive with discernment, to view life as God sees it.**

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- **Understanding is the skill to bring together the elements of life so that one can respond to it or live it with insight.**
 - **Knowledge is learning, discovering, growing and living with an eternal perspective.**
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1. Wisdom Builds a Home, v3a

- Proverbs 24: 3a "By wisdom a house is built,"

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- House in Hebrew is bayith, also translated home, household, family, descendants.
 - **Wisdom in Proverbs is not simply intellectual but it has as its roots in reverence and obedience to God which results in righteousness or right belief, right thinking and right conduct.**





Values of the Kingdom of God:

- Humility (Matthew 18:4),
- Generosity (Proverbs 11:24)
- Sacrifice (Romans 12.1),
- Selflessness (Philippians 1:17)
- Loving those who are hard to love (Romans 12:10)

Values of the World:

- Success (material, authority, prestige),
- Self-protection,
- Self-reliance
- Selfishness
- Self-centric

Jesus wants to turn the motivation of our lives inside out, to liberate us from:


**A self-centred
inward focus,
ego-centric,
consuming life,**

to

**A God-centred
outward focus,
giving to others,
diffusing life.**



2. Understanding establishes a Home, v3b


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- Proverbs 24:3b "By understanding it is established"
 - Understanding [Hebrew *tebûn h*]:
 - **It is the ability to separate out [the observable knowledge from life or lives], distinguish, discern and bring back together.**





Romans 14:17,18

- “ for the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.”

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- The world is preoccupied with
 - the visible
 - the carnal, materialistic
 - the temporal
 - outward show and achievements
 - earthly power, status and authority

- The kingdom of God concentrates on
- the invisible
- the spiritual
- the eternal
- inner reality, what is of the heart, the development of the inner man
- spiritual power and authority




Characteristics of the world



- Aggressive self-assertive spirit
- selfishness, self-centredness, greed, covetousness
- pride
- hypocrisy
- confidence in self, dependence on self, exaltation of self
- focus on appearance
- the flesh leading to death

Characteristics of God's kingdom

- meekness, gentleness
- true love, generosity, concern for others, spirit of giving
- humility
- sincerity
- confidence in God, dependence on God, exaltation of God
- focus on reality
- the Spirit leading to life



3. Knowledge fills a home with riches, v4

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- Proverbs 24:4 "By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."
 - **Knowledge [Hebrew daat] is the willingness to learn with perception, by becoming acquainted with the facts, and grasping their proper significance so that ignorance is dispelled and truth is continually pursued.**
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Story of Isaiah 6

- **Awareness of the Lord**

- Isaiah 6: 1 In the year that King Uzziah died, **I saw the Lord**, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple

- **Awareness of Self**

- Isaiah 6: 5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

- **Presence brings Restoration/Wholeness/Change!**

- Isaiah 6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."