

# S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”  
John 14:15*

## Do You Really Love Jesus?

What if someone said they loved you, but they never spoke to you or wanted to be with you? What if you wrote them a letter but they never read it? How would that make you feel? Would you believe them when they told people they loved you?

God’s children are that way a lot of times. They say they love God, but they never take time to talk to Him in prayer. They say they are filled with God’s Spirit, but they won’t even read the letter He has written to them, the Holy Bible. Can God really believe us when we say we love Him?

It is important to obey the gospel and repent, be baptized in Jesus’ Name, and be filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38). Jesus wants us to live with Him forever in Heaven. But He also wants us to live a holy and overcoming life right here on earth. Scripture says, “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25).

We don’t want to just give God “lip service” and say that we love Him. We want to demonstrate it by serving Him with all of our heart. The Bible calls this our reasonable service (Romans 12:1). As we allow Jesus to completely take over our life, others will be able to see the Fruit of His Spirit growing in us (Galatians 5:22-23). Bearing righteous fruit will be a natural result of a heart that is totally surrendered to God.

How about spending a little extra time this week talking to the One you say you love?

**Family Prayer:** *“Jesus it is my heart’s desire to live like You want me to. Please let me bear good fruit so the world around me can see You within me. In Jesus’ Name, amen.”*



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As a family, look up the word “contingency.” Write its definition out for everyone to see. Give examples of contingency agreements that are made in your own home. (Example: “May I have a friend over?” “Yes, if you...”) You might even make up a game like Simon Says using contingencies. (Example: “May I take 3 steps?” “Yes, if you jump up and down 3 times.”) Have fun learning about this important word.

Let's talk

In our focus verse for today, Jesus could have said, “You are my disciples, so keep my commandments.” After all, the disciples had been following Him for some time. Why do you think He used the “if”? Do you think a person can deceive himself into thinking he is a disciple when the fruit is really not there?

What have you been saying that you will do IF the circumstances are right? Maybe you've thought of joining the evangelism team, washing the pastor's vehicle, inviting a new family for Sunday lunch. What are you waiting for? God wants to use you now!



## Additional Challenges

***It has been said that the word “if” is the biggest little word in the English language. Jesus gave a lot of instructions, warnings, and promises to His disciples in His Word, but many of them contained the word “if.” Let’s check out a few of them:***

*Matt 16:24-*

*“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and take up his \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ me.”*

*Matt 19:17-*

*“And he said unto him, Why callest thou me \_\_\_\_\_? there is none good but one, that is, \_\_\_\_\_: but if thou wilt enter into \_\_\_\_\_, keep the \_\_\_\_\_.”*

*Mark 11:26-*

*“But if ye do not \_\_\_\_\_, neither will your Father which is in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.”*

*Luke 13:9-*

*“And if it bear \_\_\_\_\_, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ it down.”*

*Luke 17:6-*

*“And the Lord said, If ye had \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should \_\_\_\_\_ you.”*

*John 13:1-*

*“If ye \_\_\_\_\_ these things, \_\_\_\_\_ are ye if ye \_\_\_\_\_.”*

*John 15:14-*

*“Ye are my \_\_\_\_\_, if ye \_\_\_\_\_ whatsoever I \_\_\_\_\_ you.”*

***IF you are truly in love with Jesus- live like it!***





**Let  
God's  
Light  
Shine  
Through  
You!**