

Home Improvement

Week 1

Home Improvement – The Blueprint to Your Dream House

Introduction

- Building a strong, God-honoring home begins with divine wisdom and reverence.
- The blueprint for a successful home is rooted in decision, divine wisdom, and obedience.

1. Decide: Determine Your Vision (Joshua 24:15)

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15

Questions to Reflect:

- What do I want my family, marriage, legacy to be?
- Are the seeds I sow aligned with the harvest I desire? — Galatians 6:7-8
- Am I willing to do what it takes to realize this vision?

2. Build the Foundation: The Blueprint (Proverbs 24:3-4)

"Through wisdom, a house is built, and by understanding it is established." — Proverbs 24:3-4

Key Components of Building:

A. Wisdom (Proverbs 4:7; Proverbs 9:10)

"Get wisdom; with all your getting, get understanding." — Proverbs 4:7

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." — Proverbs 9:10

B. Understanding

- Establishes and stabilizes (set up on a firm, permanent basis).
- Deep insights that help us understand God's ways.

C. Knowledge

- Fills us with facts, truths, and insights about God and His creation.
- Universities and scientists' discoveries confirm God's wisdom.

3. The Principle of the Fear of the Lord

Reverence, awe, and respect for God's holiness and power.

Why is this foundation critical?

- It influences obedience and prioritizes God's ways over personal and cultural opinions.
- **Scripture:**

OT: Exodus 19:16-20 (God's holiness at Sinai)

NT: 1 Peter 1:13-17 — "Be holy, because I am holy."

- **Quote:**

Jim Bakker: "I never stopped loving God, I only stopped fearing Him."

What is the Fear of the Lord?

- Reverence, love, trust, recognition of His authority.

4. Connect Knowledge and Faith

- Knowledge should lead to worship, praise, and deeper obedience.
- The more you know about life, work, the universe, the more you will appreciate and love God, not less:

Isaac Newton: "This most beautiful system could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being."

Johannes Kepler: "The study of the harmony of the universe leads me to admire the wisdom of the Creator."

Michael Faraday: "I see His hand in all I study."

5. What Do We Do with the Blueprint?

- Follow the plan!

Quote:

- "Applied knowledge is power." — Thomas Edison
- A blueprint is a roadmap, not the house itself.

6. Personal Reflection & Commitment

Live as if the Lord is the center of your life.

Altar/Prayer:

I surrender my whole heart to You, Lord.

I commit to understanding and valuing Your Word and ways.

I vow to seek all the days of my life.

Conclusion

- Building a home on God's wisdom, reverence, and understanding leads to a lasting and victorious household.
- Trust in God's blueprint, and your life and home will be transformed.