

DAY 1

Title: A Strong Home

Intro: A quick survey of your house can reveal what makes the structure steady, but it's often the unseen attributes that make a home strong.

Read: Proverbs 24:3-4 (NLT)

A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge, its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.

Explore the theme: King Solomon is known for the wisdom of his proverbs, but he's also an architect whose credits include building the temple of the Lord in Israel. According to his experience, what characteristics make a home strong? Why do you think these virtues are valuable to a healthy home?

Ask God: Reflect on the current tone, mood, or energy of your home environment. How do you see evidence of wisdom, knowledge, and good sense? Ask God how you can prioritize these values and contribute to the strength of your home.

Live it Out: King Solomon challenges us that a home built on God's wisdom is not only strong, but it truly makes us rich. The good news is that God gives away His wisdom freely. Pray right now for the wisdom and knowledge you want to fill your home with.

DAY 2

Title: A Cheerful Home

Intro: Hospitality is a friendly and generous reception of housemates, guests, or visitors. The most hospitable homes aren't filled with fancy "stuff," but rather, they are full of kind and loving people.

Read: 1 Peter 4:8-9 (NLT)

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

Explore the theme: What do you believe it means for love to "cover" sin? Peter's instructions move from expressing that deep love to living out cheerful hospitality. How do you think the two are related?

Ask God: In your opinion, what are some markers of a hospitable home? Are there any obstacles currently keeping you from cheerfully sharing your home? Be real with God about those challenges, then ask Him to increase your desire and willingness to use your home to show others His love.

Live it Out: Hospitality is for both those you invite into your home and for those who live in it. Invite the Holy Spirit into your home, asking Him to fill it afresh with love, kindness, and generosity. Think of some creative ways you would enjoy practicing hospitality in and through your home.

DAY 3

Title: A Grateful Home

Intro: It's been said that when you love what you have, you have everything you need. King Solomon echoes this wisdom as he encourages you to build a meaningful life.

Read: Ecclesiastes 6:9 (NLT)

Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

Explore the theme: Take inventory of the things in your life that matter most to you. Are you generally content (happy, satisfied, pleased) with what you have, or do you find yourself persistently desiring more (bigger, greater, better)? How does your particular mindset impact your home and home relationships?

Ask God: You can find contentment when you trust that God—in His wisdom and grace—will provide for your needs. How could trusting in the abundance of God's provision free you to enjoy what you have? Ask God in which areas of your home life a practice of gratitude would lead to greater contentment.

Live it Out: As you pursue a life of meaning rooted in gratitude and contentment, new desires will arise. Practice asking yourself if these desires are real needs or passing wants. Invite God and a trusted community into your decisions as you exercise wisdom and rely on the God who provides.