

Consecration of Home Spaces and Relationships

Most believers are theoretically aware that God is Lord over all. Like many other truths in the faith walk, we can more deeply connect with this reality through certain acts or ceremonies. These practices are moments to intentionally bring an often distant truth into our present moment.

Here is one way to intentionally and reflectively dedicate your home, and the events within, to the Lord:

- Pick a room of the house and go to that room. Take a moment to look around the room and observantly notice many details. Walk around the space to see it from different angles.
- When finished taking a look, invite the Lord to fill you with remembrance and gratitude surrounding every object in the room.
- Now touch, sit on, or pick up an object in the room. Recall any stories connected to the object. Let your senses engage it. Where did it come from? Has this been part of any interactions? How do I feel about this thing? Consider anything you feel is significant.
- After a time of recall, begin to thank God for the object and any significance it has to you or others. Praise God for anything interesting or beautiful about the object. Is it made of beautiful wood? Praise God for making that tree. Does it feel soft and nice to the touch? Thank God that your hands can feel such things.
- Keep observing, recalling and praising until you feel finished with the object.
- Close by speaking out that you consecrate this object to the Lord and that it is devoted only to holy uses that serve him.
- Now move on to another object and repeat the process.

When you've completed an entire room, take a moment to look over the room again. Embrace the joy of getting to intentionally bring God's presence into every item in that room. Then move on to consecration of all events and interactions that happen in that space:

- Ask the Lord to help you recall things that happen in that place. These may be regular events or something that happened once.
- As an interaction comes to mind, think about the significance. Why does this happen? Who is involved? Is there a purpose to the interaction?
- After thinking about the interaction, begin to express thanks. Since situations are so varied, also respond to the Lord in any other ways that are meaningful. If you think of an offense, take time to forgive the offender. If you are stirred with love for a person in the interaction, thank God for that person.
- When you are finished responding, Move on to another interaction and repeat the process.
- When you are finished considering and responding to God over interactions that happen in the space, close by speaking out that you consecrate that room to God's holy purposes, and you bless every person who comes into that space to meaningfully connect with God.

Repeat this process until you've gone through your entire home. Then repeat the process in outside spaces. Since this practice encounters much of life, it will take an extended time to move through every space. Take your time enjoying the Lord and facilitating a deeper awareness of his presence in your life.