

## YOUR HOUSE IS BEING WATCHED

### I. Our houses are being watched by our friends.

- A. Most of us have good friends.
  - 1. They keep a check on things while we are gone.
  - 2. They will let us know if something is going on in the neighborhood.
- B. They watch out for us, but they also watch us.
  - 1. Hopefully, they know where we go to church.
  - 2. In some cases, we are all they know about the church of Christ.
  - 3. How does that make us feel?
- C. The truth is, it is not just our friends that see us, but even people we don't know.
- D. We've all heard that saying that we might be the only Bible an acquaintance or even stranger will ever read.
- E. If that is the case, which it may very well be in the day in which we live, what are those people reading?
- F. You and I have influence with our friends.
  - 1. Matthew 5:13-16.
  - 2. Influence can be a very powerful thing.
  - 3. The right words or actions at the right time can do a wonderful amount of good.
- G. Of course, the exact opposite is true as well: the wrong words or actions at the wrong time can do a tremendous amount of damage.
- H. I believe we like to think that no one is paying any attention to what we do, or that what we do has no effect on others.
  - 1. Paul said...(Romans 14:7).
  - 2. We influence people all the time, whether we know them or not.
- I. Our friends are watching our houses and they need a good example to follow.

### II. Our houses are being watched by our foe.

- A. We probably don't like to think about it but we have a foe that is out to destroy us.
  - 1. He wants to rob us of our happiness, family and ultimately our soul (1 Peter 5:8).
  - 2. In the days of the earthly ministry of Jesus, there was phenomenon known as demon possession.
  - 3. What you see there in each case is Satan's desire to destroy.
- B. Satan is watching your house for an opportunity to enter.
  - 1. John 10:10.
  - 2. Satan is the thief about whom Jesus was speaking.
- C. Satan is looking for any weakness in the home in order to enter.
  - 1. A thief doesn't look for the most secure way in to a home or business to rob it.
  - 2. He looks for the weakest place.
- D. The sad thing is, with Satan, many of us simply open the door and let in the worst thief of all.

1. We can let him in through what we allow to entertain us.
  2. We can let him in through what we view on the internet.
  3. We can let him in through what we allow to affect our relationship with our spouse.
- E. I don't believe any of us fathers would simply someone in to harm our families without putting up a fight.
1. Sadly, many fathers are the ones who allow Satan in to the home.
  2. Mothers would die before allowing their children to be harmed physically but many mothers are also the ones who allow their children to do things or go places that are sinful.
- F. We need a good dose of Philippians 4:8 in our homes.
- G. Our houses are being watched by a much worse foe than any thief or killer.
- H. What are we going to do about it?
- III. Our houses are being watched by our Father.**
- A. This should cause us more concern than either of the others.
- B. The truth is, if we would be more concerned about God watching our houses then we would set the right example for our friends and we would be able to defeat our foe.
- C. The home is one of the greatest powers on earth.
1. If you get the home right, the church will be right.
  2. If you get the home right, schools will be right.
  3. If you get the home right, the world can be affected.
- D. Our Father is watching our homes looking for an opportunity to lead it.
- E. It has often been said by me and others that the father is the head of the home.
1. We are the head of the wife (Ephesians 5:23).
  2. Really, the Lord is the head of the home (1 Corinthians 11:3).
  3. Fathers, do we allow Him His rightful place.
  4. Or, is the Godhead on the outside looking in?
- F. All is seen in our homes (Hebrews 4:13).
1. Nothing we do escapes His watchful eye.
  2. He sees what is going on in our homes, and in our minds.
  3. He wants to help us and lead us in the right way but we have to allow Him to do so.
- G. Our Father is watching our homes for a chance to lead it to heaven.

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