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WHO'S OCCUPYING THE HOUSE

Luke 11.14-28, Colossians 3.1-18

In Luke 11, Jesus drives out a demon from a mute man, which prompts a discussion on spiritual power, spiritual authority and spiritual occupation. The Jewish people are in real spiritual danger. From this story we learn the importance of maintaining regular spiritual upkeep in our lives.

I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. John 10.10 The Message

HOW TO KEEP JESUS OCCUPYING THE HOUSE: Colossians 3.1-18

1. Devote yourself to **SPIRITUAL MATTERS**.

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts** on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Set your minds** on things above, not on earthly things...* Colossians 3.1-2

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things**.* Philippians 4.8

2. Eliminate things from your life that are **NOT GOOD FOR YOUR SOUL**.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Colossians 3.5

3. Eliminate things from your life that **HURT OTHERS**.

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other... Colossians 3.8-9

4. Get a new **WARDROBE**. (Beware! This is out of style.)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another... Colossians 3.12-13

REGULAR MAINTENANCE TO KEEP JESUS IN THE HOUSE

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3.16

1. Immerse yourself in the **TEACHINGS OF JESUS**

2. **WORSHIP** often....and with **GRATITUDE**.

3. Participate in church **COMMUNITY**

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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