Two things will get you to leap out of yourselves into the promises of God today. One is purity, and the other is FAITH, which is kindled more and more by PURITY.
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HOUSE CLEANSING

If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attentive unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now Have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
2nd Chronicles 7:14-15

Symptoms of Spiritual Pollution in Homes (taken from *How to Minister Freedom)*
Sudden ongoing illnesses
Continual bad dreams and nightmares
Insomnia
Behavior problems such as continual fighting and misunderstanding
No peace
Unexplained illnesses such as chronic headaches or fatigue
Heightened bondages such as increased mental or physical perversion

Ghosts or demonic apparitions
Poltergeists (the movement of physical objects by demons)
Foul unexplainable odors
Atmospheric heaviness, making it hard to breath

Potential Entry Points
The activities of previous occupants

Some kind of violation of the land, such as building on a site that was once an Indian burial site or such as a murder taking place on the land or in the house

Objects related to heathen worship, such as Hindu gods, yoga, snakes, dragons, pyramids, crystals, broken crosses, Buddha figurines, gargoyles, tarot cards, worry stones, voodoo dolls, frogs and owls

Objects related to the occult, such as Ouija boards, Dungeons and Dragons, many video games, horoscope or astrology books, demonic tattoos, Satanism materials, New Age materials, etc.

Movie videos, with immoral behavior or foul language, and pornographic books, pictures, or websites

Music that demonstrates a demonic or depraved mental imagery, uses filthy words or creates an interest in death or murder

Pokémon dolls, goddess statues, demon statues, demonic comic books, rock posters, troll dolls, Smurf dolls, an

obsession with turtles (an Egyptian god), owls (witches use owls to control others), or phoenix birds (Egyptian god that controlled the underworld)

Harry Potter books, books dealing with cults or occults

Art or jewelry with obvious demonic representations, such as yin-yang; broken or upside down crosses; good luck charms; dragons; snakes; etc.

Purification Process

1. **Repent for the sins, bad attitudes, and behaviors of both you and your family members** (1st John 1:7-10: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.)*
2. **Repent on behalf of past owners for any defilement in the land or house**
3. **Remove and destroy (do not give away) items related to the occult, heathen worship, past sin, and anything else the Lord convicts you of. You do not, however, have the right to destroy other people's property, even other family members.**
4. **Renounce aloud any demonic contract that you have made willingly or unwillingly and break any unholy covenants with past sin, including ungodly soul ties or ungodly relationships. Break them by the blood of Jesus.**

5. **Command the demons, in the name of Jesus, to leave you, your family and your home. Ask the Lord to cleanse you, your possessions, and your home.**
6. **Read scriptures over the house, especially those dealing with anything evil that you are discerning.** For example, if you feel a lot of fear in the house, read and quote out loud scriptures such as 2nd Timothy 1:7 (*God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind*) every time you sense the spirit of fear in the house.
7. **Anoint the doorpost with oil and pray over the entrée ways:**

   Moving day from Egypt was such an important time for the Israelites that the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and said, "This month shall be your beginning of months. It shall be the first month of your year to you." Unfortunately, because of their sin and unbelief, murmuring and complaining, it took the Israelites 40 years of wandering in the wilderness to get to the new house. But let's go back to moving day. The Lord instructed the people on the first Passover to take a lamb without blemish, sacrifice it, and take the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel (horizontal top border of the door) of the house. He said that when He saw the blood, He would pass over that house and not bring the death plague on that house.

   Today we don't have to go kill a lamb because we have a Lamb, Jesus Christ, the sacrificial lamb, that was slain for us. When we come into true relationship

with Him, the blood is applied to our hearts, the door of our earthly tabernacle or spiritual man. Today we symbolically anoint this house, not with blood, but with oil, which represents God the Holy Spirit whom God the Son sent to be our comforter and guide, on the doorposts and the lintel of the front (and back) door. This act welcomes the Holy Spirit and brings life instead of death, hope instead of despair, and faith instead of fear.

8. **Confess the house to be a place**
   a. To worship God
   b. To come to God in prayer
   c. To listen to the Holy Spirit
   d. To find victory over sin
   e. To find peace in troubled times
   f. To witness to the lost
   g. To love your neighbors
   h. To comfort loved ones
   i. To grow in your Christian walk
   j. To ask forgiveness of others
   k. To share your faith with others
   l. To be wise in finances
   m. To be accountable to each other
   n. To ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit
   o. To confess sin and seek forgiveness
   p. To praise the Lord
   q. To bring problems to God
   r. To rely on God to guide your life
   s. To pray as a family
   t. To anticipate Christ's return
   u. To dedicate your life to God

v. To trust and wait for God's answers
w. To do spiritual warfare against the enemy
x. To read and study His Word
y. To support each other in testings and trials
z. To genuinely love one another

I personally have found it helpful to play the Word, even when you are not at home, in your house. There is something about filling the atmosphere of your home with words that the Holy Spirit uttered to men. You will find that your house seems more peaceful, cleaner, and purer. Praying will be so much easier, and you will sense His presence. You might even hear the angels sing!

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Other Things to Consider in Spiritual Housecleansing
Quoted directly from Betty Miller with Janice Fritch

Items of Graven Images and Other Artifacts (this is not a complete list):

1. Signs of the zodiac
2. Voodoo dolls or anything used in casting spells
3. The Crescent and Star
4. The five-pointed star (pentagram) turned upside down (used in Satan worship)
5. The horn of the unicorn, swastika, yin yang symbol
6. Emblems of various lodges (those who take oaths with a curse)
7. Additional evil books (witchcraft, false religions, false Bibles, lucid sex books, parapsychology, new age, human philosophies, pornographic books, etc.)

8. Stuffed animals that represent evil or witchcraft (even some unclean animals such as distorted and freakish frogs, owls, snakes, etc.)
9. Anything used in fortune-telling (playing/tarot cards, crystal balls, witching sticks, Ouija boards)
10. Books from the cults (Book of Mormons by Joseph Smith, New World Bible Translation, books by Mary Baker Eddy, etc.)
11. Rock and Rap music with evil lyrics
12. The peace sign of the upside down cross with the limbs broken
13. Much of what is now on TV is ungodly in nature. More and more shows are about the ungodly supernatural (magic and witchcraft) and horror stories that promote fear. Also shows that glorify divorce and remarriage or premarital relations and nudity.

Several items that people use especially in the Southwestern part of the U.S.A. have their origin in American Indian witchcraft. If we have these things in our home, office, or possession, we will find a world of darkness upon our lives. The encyclopedia clearly defines these things as emblems of the Indian gods. Some of the protection or blessing emblems used by them are:

- God's eye–wall decoration made of yarn – medicine man's watchful eye
- Thunderbird–jewelry, pottery, etc. – sacred bearer of unlimited happiness through false means
- Arrow–protection by the false gods

- Totem Poles–faces of false gods; Indian tribes offer prayer to them
- Squash blossom–Used on jewelry; the pendant is shaped to look like the moon in its first or last quarter; it is a fertility symbol
- Snake–sign meaning defiance and wisdom
- Bear Track–supposedly a good omen
- Cedar wood masks–owl spirit which is their guardian of the night
- Dream catchers–the web like design for a Spider Woman named Asibikaashi, is supposed to filter out all bad dreams and only allow good thoughts to enter the mind

All of these items should be burned and/or discarded (not given away or sold as they would then bring harm to others). This might seem extreme to some, but **Deuteronomy 7:25** says, "**The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God**." Do we want to obey the Lord more than we desire the money these things represent?

If these things belong to members of our family that do not yet understand the evil involved, we should bind the power of Satan that would come through the object and ask God to bring that family member into the knowledge of the light. However, if children are involved we must use the authority God has given us as parents and refuse to allow them to bring evil into the house regardless of whether they understand or not. Of course, we should pray before attempting to rid their rooms of evil things, and if the

children are old enough, we should speak to them about what we are doing. However, if they are not willing to part with these things, we must go ahead and see to it that the items are removed.

Changing Your Household Atmosphere

It has long been understood that the home is not just a dorm and restaurant: It is the center of the child's world, and it is the heart of the family. As such, it demands protection. Influences that are only offensive on the streets can be deadly in the home. One of the main influences that create the very atmosphere in your house comes directly from the airwaves:

Music (specific heavy metal bands like: AC/DC, Anthrax, Iron Maiden, Black Sabbath, Danzig, Exodus, Possessed Grim Reaper, Satan, Sodom, and Celtic Force, to name a few) or even some of the so-called "Jesus rock" music is destructive, as the beat in these albums has its origin in witchcraft. Testing music as to its origin is done by examining what it produces. Does it excite the flesh or does it inspire worship in our hearts toward God? Posters with rock singers, or faces of evil, or movie stars that are known for their open sin of lust should all be discard.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS
Joseph Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and grieves to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.