

Topic: Beautifying Your Lord's Home
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- Titus 2 chats are for both married sisters, sisters that are proving, and for single sisters to learn from. If you are a single sister, this class can be applied to beautifying your home.
- Beautifying your Lord's home is not about throwing curtains over a window. There is much more that we will discuss.

Genesis 3:16 KJV

¹⁶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

- We need a reminder that we are beautifying our LORD'S home, not our own home. We are his possession.

Titus 2:5 KJV

⁵ To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

- It is our responsibility to be keepers at home. We were given that role, and we need to make sure that we do the best that we are able to do.



Proverbs 31:27 KJV

²⁷ She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

- Idleness will lead you into trouble. We have so much to do. If you don't have a lot to do in the house, after this class, you will have more to do.

Sirach 26:16 KJV

¹⁶ As the sun when it ariseth in the high heaven; so is the beauty of a good wife in the ordering of her house.

- It's a beautiful thing to the most High when we are managing the house well. Let's do the best we can at fulfilling our roles as help meets.

7 Ways to Beautify your Home

I. Declutter

A. Clutter /transitive verb/: to fill or cover with scattered or disordered things that impede movement or reduce effectiveness.

1. E.g. A dining table is typically set up to eat food however it may be cluttered with papers, bottles, etc.

B. Sometimes we can be mini hoarders and tend to keep things. Let's be conscious of that.

C. Four Things to Declutter:

1. Stationary Supplies: Pencils, Pens, Markers, Highlighters and Papers.

a) Put writing utensils in a cup (i.e. pencil holder). Organize papers you may have scattered in your planner, on shelves, etc. If you do not need it, throw it away. Sign up for paperless bills to have less mail around the house.

2. Anything Broken: If it's broken, you're not going to fix it. Throw it away. If you plan to fix it, write it down in your planner.

3. Clothes: If you or your kids have too many clothes, search for clothes that you no longer like, that do not fit, or that you haven't worn in several years and donate it to someone in need who's in the body.

4. Daily Water Bottles/Cups/Containers/Packages:

a) A lot of this is self-examination and being more self-conscious. Not decluttering can cause pests to enter the home. Have your kids help clean up?

b) Some of us may open a water bottle but forget to finish it, and then open up a new bottle later in the day. This is unnecessary clutter.



- Hang up the coat. There are empty packages around. Straighten the chairs. Put the containers back in their appropriate place and off the counter. Clean up a little bit at the time.

II. Clean Up

- A. Cleaning up is different from decluttering. Create a cleaning schedule and clean as you go.
- B. Some of us are not busy and have areas to clean yet stay on social media. We are not to be idle.
- C. **I Corinthians 14:40 KJV** Let all things be done decently and in order.



- D. We have to clean off the bed. It sets the tone of the room and makes your room look nicer. This is especially important when you are married. Your Lord should not come home from work to a messy bed. Make your bed every morning. Wash your sheets regularly. Change the color/style of your comforters once a month, every Sabbath, or during feast days, and change things up!
- E. **1 Timothy 5:14 KJV** I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
1. Part of your job is to teach the children; show them how to clean up after themselves and overtime they will get better.
 2. The way your kids are at home is how they will be in public. Get your kids in the habit of cleaning up after themselves.
 3. Some Lords have cleaning preferences pertaining to using certain products or a style of cleaning. This is fine! Show your kids his style of cleaning.
- F. **Proverbs 22:6 KJV** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
1. Everything we do, our kids are watching us. Be mindful. If you are not excited about cleaning, your children will not be excited either. Make it fun by playing music, listening to a podcast or a class. Find what works for you.
 2. Age-Appropriate Chore Chart: Use the kids to help clean up. It will also help keep them out of trouble.



3. **Sirach 30:13 KJV** Chastise thy son, and hold him to labour, lest his lewd behaviour be an offence unto thee.

a) Give your children something to do around the house. It also helps us as mothers if we have other responsibilities with our Lord's, working in the body, having a full-time job.

III. Make the Home Smell Good: Take out the trash. Use scented trash bags. Don't leave dirty diapers around the house.

A. Eight Ways to Make the House Smell Good:

1. Use Incense: Burning incense is part of our heritage. The Levitical priests burned it in the temple.
2. Room Sprays: Some spray to freshen up the room and chairs. I also make my own which is Frankincense and Myrrh scented.
3. Light Candles with your Lord's favorite scent.
4. Reed Diffusers.
5. Potpourri pouches or DIY stove top potpourri: Try to make one with vanilla extract, lemons, oranges, cinnamon, star anise, etc.

6. Humidifiers with different essential oils.
7. Wax melts.
8. Use plug-ins and adjust the strength of the scent. I do not recommend Fabuloso due to its chemicals.

B. **I Timothy 5:10 KJV** Well reported of for good works; if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

1. We are a reflection of our Lord. If someone were to visit, are they going to feel comfortable? Does the house have an odor, is it cluttered, is the bathroom clean?

C. **I Peter 4:9 KJV** Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

1. Be prepared when company visits. Your house should be decent and in order even when you have an unexpected guest.

IV. Light: You can get lights from Dollar Tree, Amazon, Walmart, etc.

- A. Open the blinds and use natural light.
- B. Use string lights.
- C. Use curtain lights.
 1. Lights look very nice and provide a festive look. You can even put lights in the kitchen and prepare a fancy dinner.
- D. Candle lights.
 1. Put them around the house and dim the lights.
 2. I personally use battery flameless candle lights, put it in a vase and add flowers.

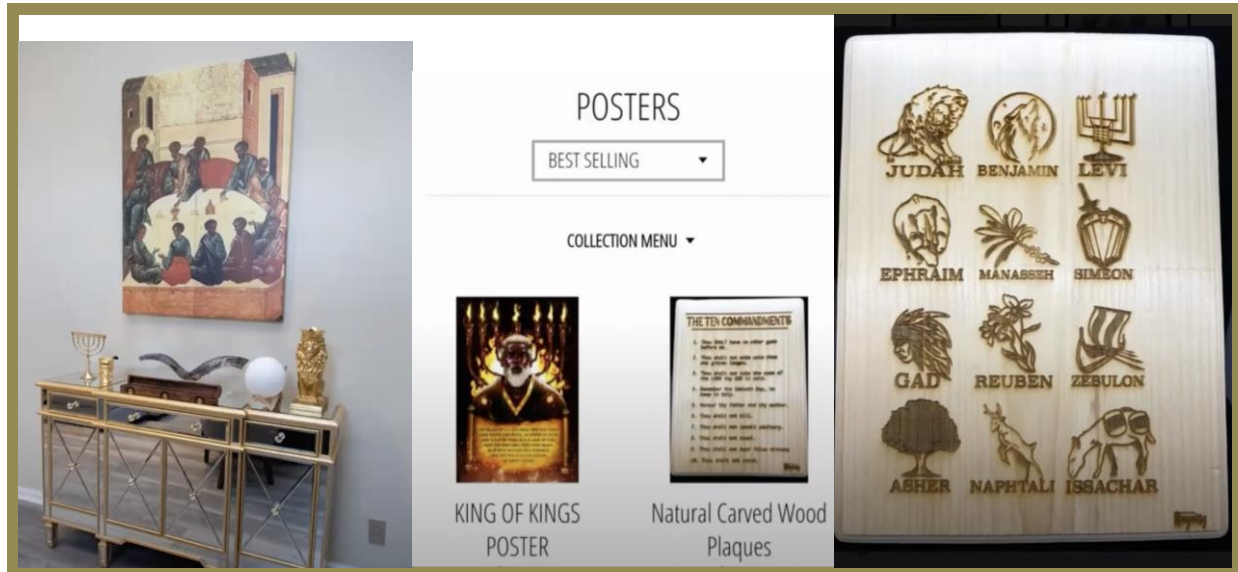


V. Restoring Our Heritage: You can use menorahs, shofars, the ten-commandments sign, Lord's Prayer, scriptures in the home, artwork, images of our foreparents, crowns, incense, tribe-related decor (lions, wolves, rhino, etc.)

A. **Deuteronomy 6:9 KJV** And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

1. We should have scriptures up around the house. This should allow you to stay in the spirit longer if you're reading about studying, faith and different scriptures you have in the house.
2. Artwork: Visit Facebook IUIC dark ages and IUIC renaissance. Visit Original Royalty. Visit mommahomeschoolroom.com for biblical kids' decor. Also visit EasyCanvasPrints.com to print images on a canvas.
3. Go to local stores: DeeDee's, Ross, At Home, Z-Gallery, Hobby Lobby

- This is an image of the last supper with Christ on the canvas (see below). Notice how there is no clutter on the stand. The house is decorated with an incense holder, menorah, shofar, and a gold lion. This looks very nice.



B. Holy Day Decorating:

- When it comes to decorating for the feast days, keep in mind what the feast is about. (e.g. I Maccabees 4 KJV. The Feast of Dedication is about restoring the temple, so it may not be appropriate to decorate with flowers. Use manly decorations. Use a backdrop - search on Amazon, add shields, swords, menorahs.)
- Try to do more DIY and get creative.

3. Print out scriptures and put it in a frame. Print out your Lord's favorite scripture and put it on his desk. You can get frames from the Dollar Tree. Print out images at Office Depot, CVS, Walgreens, etc.
 4. Use snowflakes with caution. The Feast of Dedication is in the wintertime, so you can decorate with snowflakes however if you are new in the truth, you may not want to use it - the other nations decorate with this also for their pagan holidays.
- C. Visit 144ksigns.com for more homemade Israelite decor. Visit leviticalwear@gmail.com for incense holders. Visit FeastDayEmporium.net for customized shofars and New Moon decor.



- D. Use balloons to decorate. Go to the Dollar Tree or Party City.
- E. Ten Commandments Banner | 12 Tribes Banner



- F. Custom Paintings | via Theblackbiblebrand.com



G. DIY Decor: Use the items around your house to decorate. Be creative. (e.g. Use fabric as pillowcases.)

VI. Make Your Lord's Space Comfortable: (Office, den, man cave, etc.)

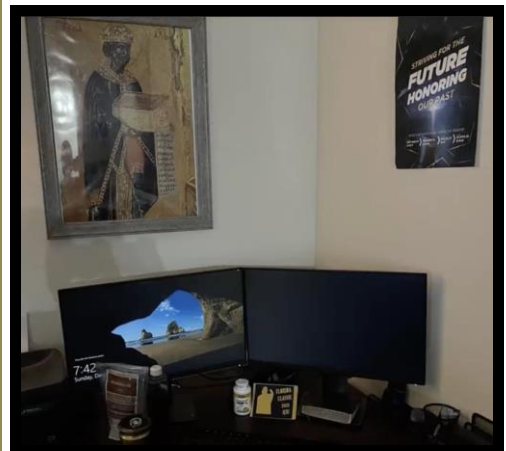
A. **I Corinthians 7:34 KJV** There is difference also between a wife and a virgin.

The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

1. Determine what your Lord likes to please him. If he doesn't have his own space in the house, try to create a manly space for him.
2. Print images of your Lord teaching, add motivational scriptures around a photo of him, hang up posters he may have from a conference. Add book lights so he can see what he is reading/studying.



3.



VII. Be His Peace

A. You can have a spotless home, but if you do not give your Lord peace it does NOT matter because he will not want to come home.



- B. **Sirach 26:2 KJV** A virtuous woman rejoiceth her husband, and he shall fulfil the years of his life in peace.
 - C. **Sirach 36:22,23 KJV** The beauty of a woman cheereth the countenance, and a man loveth nothing better. ²³ If there be kindness, meekness, and comfort, in her tongue, then is not her husband like other men.
 - D. **Proverbs 16:24 KJV** Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
 - E. **Proverbs 31:26 KJV** She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
 - F. **Sirach 25:13,16 KJV** Give me any plague, but the plague of the heart: and any wickedness, but the wickedness of a woman: ¹⁶ I had dwell with a lion and a dragon, then to keep house with a wicked woman.
 - G. **Proverbs 21:19 KJV** It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.
 - 1. Contentious is the opposite of calm; debatable, argumentative.
 - 2. Your home can be decorated and clean but if you are a contentious woman, none of that matters. You wasted his money.
 - H. **Philippians 4:11 KJV** Not that I speak in respect of want for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
 - 1. Be content with the space you have. Make it work and decorate with DIYs.
 - I. **Hebrews 13:5 KJV** Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- Be content with what you have and beautify your lord's home with budget friendly ideas. Make it a place that he will be happy to come home to. Shalom!