

# Jesus And The Home

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## Introduction

What do you do when you start to build a house? You choose a lot, select the kind of foundation, decide on the walls, and pick out the roof. Let us talk about the foundation, the walls, and the roof of a Christian home.

### **I. The Foundation Should Be Faith In Christ**

In Joshua 24:14-24, we hear Joshua in his farewell message to Israel. He reminds them of the goodness of God toward them. He calls upon them to forsake all other gods and to follow Jehovah.

*“Whatever you decide, as for me and my house, we still serve the Lord.”*

That must be the decision of everyone who wants to build a Christian home. You must lay a foundation of faith in Christ. Only then are you ready to build.

### **II. The Walls of The Home**

- a. Christian Living – Discipleship is following Jesus. A real disciple is going to have the character and heart of Jesus and this is especially true in the home. What does your family see in you? Are you loving, kind, and gentle? Are you selfless or selfish? Two ways exist for us to teach children: by precept and example.
- b. The Bible and Prayer – The bible should have priority in every home. It must be seen, read, and talked about. How many times have you prayed with your family? These are the things our children will remember!
- c. Discipline – No one loves discipline, but it is necessary so that we can become better (Hebrews 12:5-11).
- d. Reverence – We need to teach our children to have reverence for God, worship, parents, others, etc.

### **III. The Roof Is Love**

The husband is to love the wife, and the wife is to love the husband. Parents are to love the children, and the children are to love the parents. This is the roof that must cover the home and bring happiness to all who live there.