

Turning Your Dream Home into Reality

Part 1: The Foundation

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Our Purpose: *To reach people for Christ and to help believers grow to be like Him.*

Home improvement is a multi-billion dollar industry, and every family has its version of "the dream home." The latest list of "necessities" for any dream home include:

<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial-grade kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Heated floors
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater room w/ plasma wall	<input type="checkbox"/> Panic Room
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Garage w/ <i>porte cochere</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wine cellar
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor "room" w/ full kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer room(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool w/ mini-water park	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest room(s)

A Trend: Flip this house

Truth: It's a home not a house

Bill Cosby—*We're spending so much time and energy trying to provide our children with everything we didn't have when we were kids that we're failing to provide them with the one thing we did have—a loving and stable home environment.*

A Myth: "Model" homes

Reality: Model homes aren't real—no one lives there.

The Room-by-Room Tour Overview:

May 18—The Kitchen: Nourishing Your Family's Soul

May 25—The Family Room: Spending Quality Time Together

June 1—The Master Suite: Island of Intimacy

June 8—The Bathrooms & Utilities: Places of Purifying

June 15 (Father's Day) The Garage: The Haven and Refuge

June 22—The Roof: God's Covering of Grace

JESUS ON "THE FOUNDATION"

Why are you always saying "Yes, sir," and "That's right, sir," but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, home owner improvements, but are foundation words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words flippantly without working them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss. (Luke 6:46-49, The Message)

- The proper foundation for all of life, including that of our homes and families, is having faith in Christ; i.e. being His followers.
- Jesus is looking for more than lip service; He's looking to lead.
- More than any other characteristic, the foundation determines our home's future: a dream come true or a disaster waiting to happen.
- All other aspects of the "Dream" home may be imitated and, to a certain extent, accomplished without the foundation of following Christ, but such a home cannot withstand the pressures of life.

Inspecting Your Foundation for Long-Lasting Success

1. **Inspecting** for cracks in the walls ("nothing could shake it")

Priorities → decision-making → behaviors → habits

2. **Inspecting** for structural reinforcement ("these words I speak")

Truths and principles vs trends and popular theories

3. **Inspecting** for depth ("dug down deep")

Faith not an "add on" or repair but a replacement system

4. **Inspecting** for storm readiness ("when the river burst")

Not storm free but storm proof

Matthew 5:45 (MSG) - God causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall on both the good and the bad.