

Cleaning House: Spring Clean Your Spiritual Tabernacle

Psalms 51:1-13

As we journey through this Lenten season, embarking on spring cleaning of our homes, we must realize the importance of how spiritual spring cleaning of our personal temples, will lead to genuine re-creation in our lives. And when you have been spiritually cleaned and re-created, then God can use you.


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The Metaphor of Spring Cleaning

Physical Cleaning

We open windows, sweep dust, sort closets. We discard what's too small or unused.

Spiritual Application

Our faith must grow with the times. We need to clean our spiritual houses of outdated thinking and kingdom building!

Making Room

When we clean our temples, we make room for God to fill spaces with His transformative presence. Quit trying to squeeze into a 20-year-old faith perspective and make room for new revelations from His Spirit!!!

Biblical Context of Cleansing

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David's Repentance

Psalm 51 shows David seeking complete re-creation after his sins with Bathsheba. "Create in me a clean Heart, renew a right spirit within me."

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Baptism

We go down into water as sinners and emerge as new creatures in Christ, cleansed by His blood!





The Necessity of Spiritual Cleaning

Honest Assessment

We must identify what has accumulated, what is broken, what no longer serves its purpose.

Confession

Like David, we must say: "I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me."

Repentance

We actively participate in the cleaning process through meaningful change.



Spiritual Disciplines for Cleansing



Prayer

Opening the windows of our souls to God's fresh air, His Spirit.



Fasting

Creating space by removing what and who distracts us from God.



Self-Examination

Inspecting the corners of our hearts for hidden sin. For out of the heart comes the issues of life.

Cleaning vs. Re-Creation

Religious Busywork

The Pharisees cleaned the outside of the cup but remained full of greed inside.

True Re-Creation

Not achieved through our scrubbing efforts but through God's grace.

God's Work

"Create in me..." - David asks God to do what only God can do. We can clean but only God can create!!

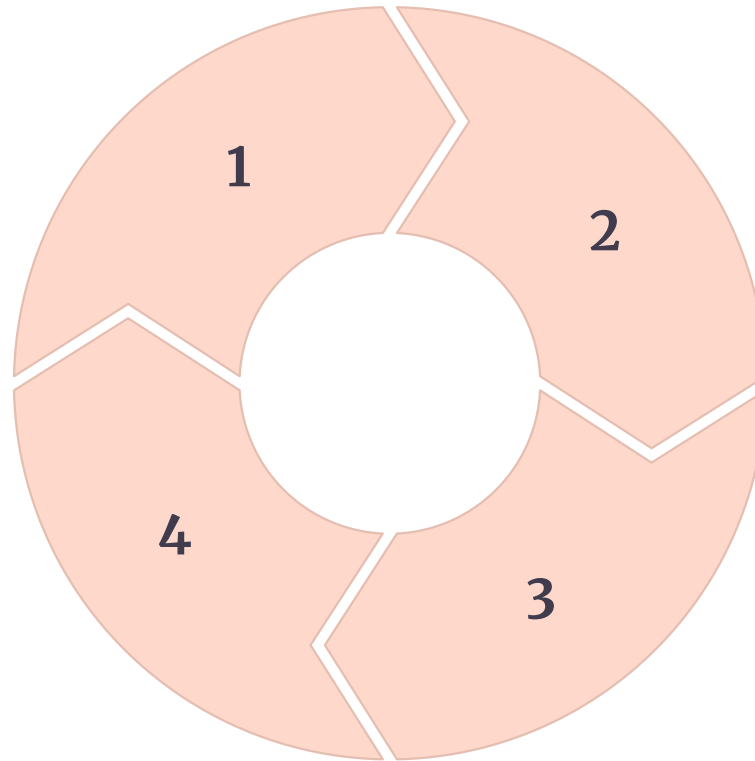
Signs of True Re-Creation

God's Gift

Re-creation is always God's gift, not our achievement.

Leads to Service

We become ready to go into all the world preaching, teaching, and baptizing.



Re-Creation Manifests as Joy

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation."

Overflows into Mission

"Then I will teach transgressors your ways."

The Promise of Easter

