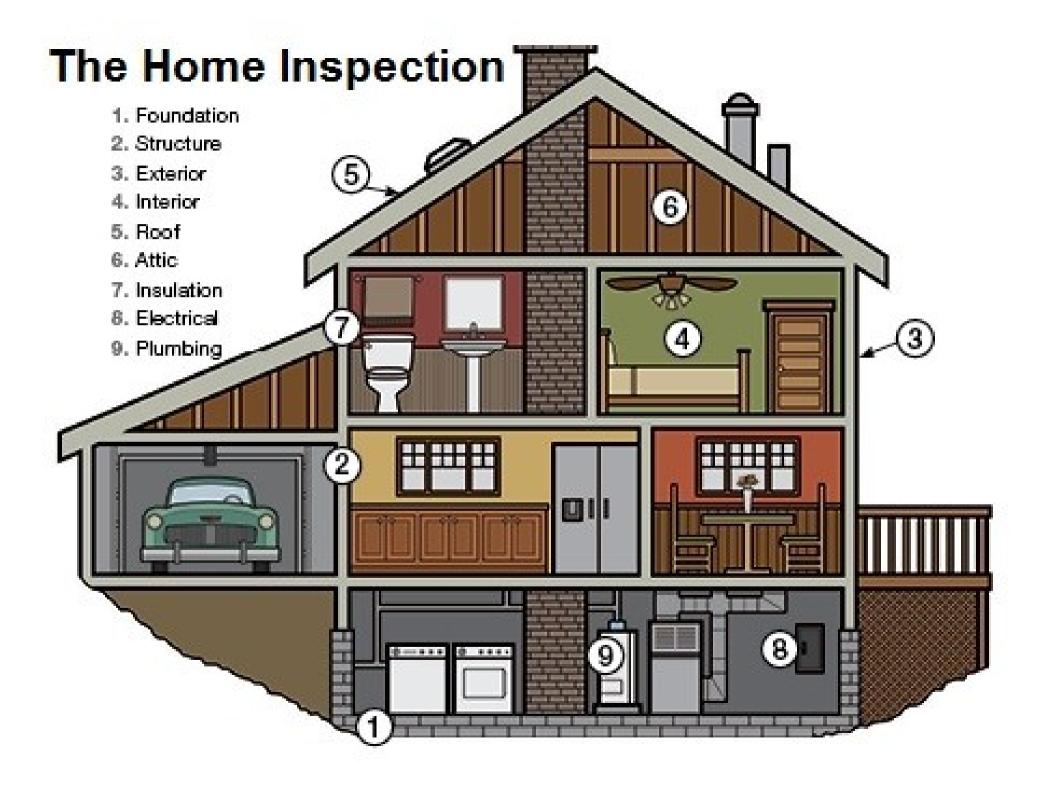


LESSON ONE: FINDING THE WRECK



LESSON TWO: THE PURCHASE CONTRACT





INSPECTIONS ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT ON OLDER HOMES





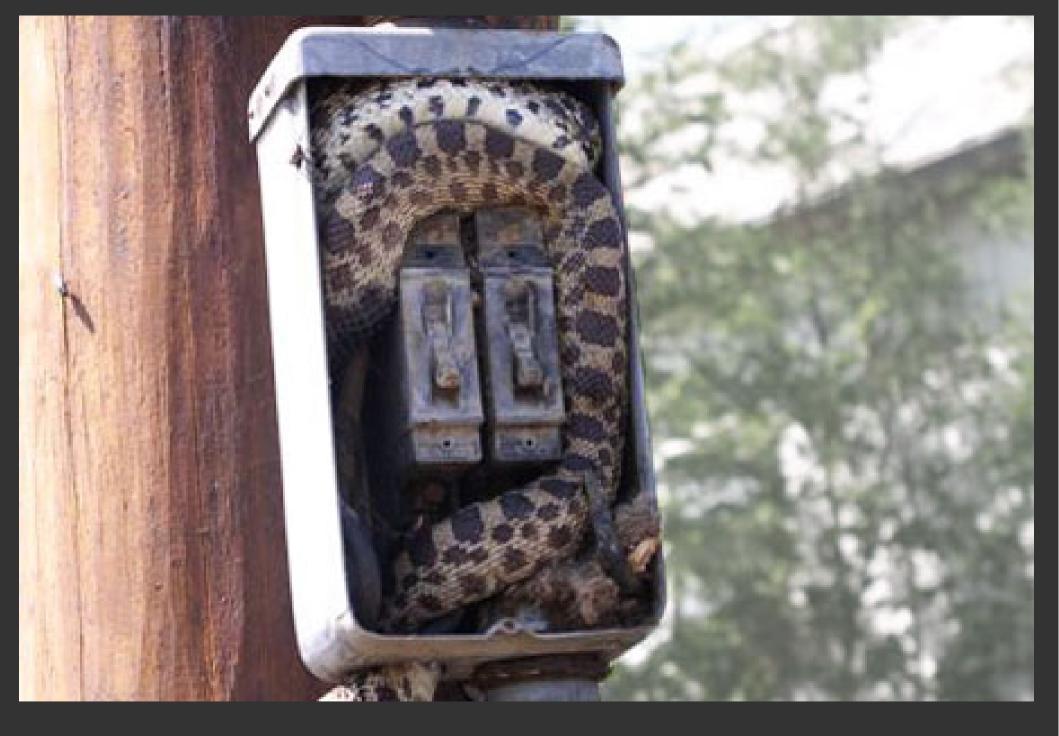






CHECK THE PLUMBING OUTSIDE

... AND INSIDE!



AND CHECK THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM



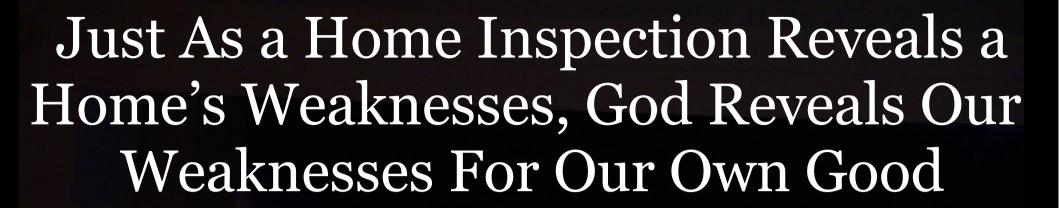
AND ALL INTERIOR ELECTRICAL FIXTURES



It's Just a Little Leak ...



Little Leaks Can Cause Big Problems!



God's Word Exposes Our Sin

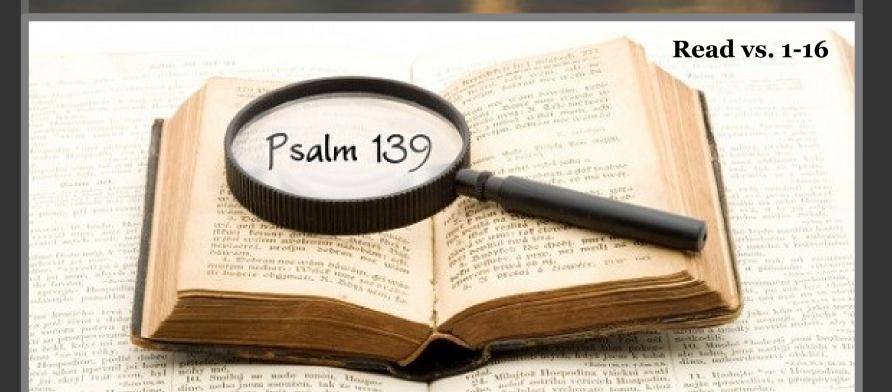
"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

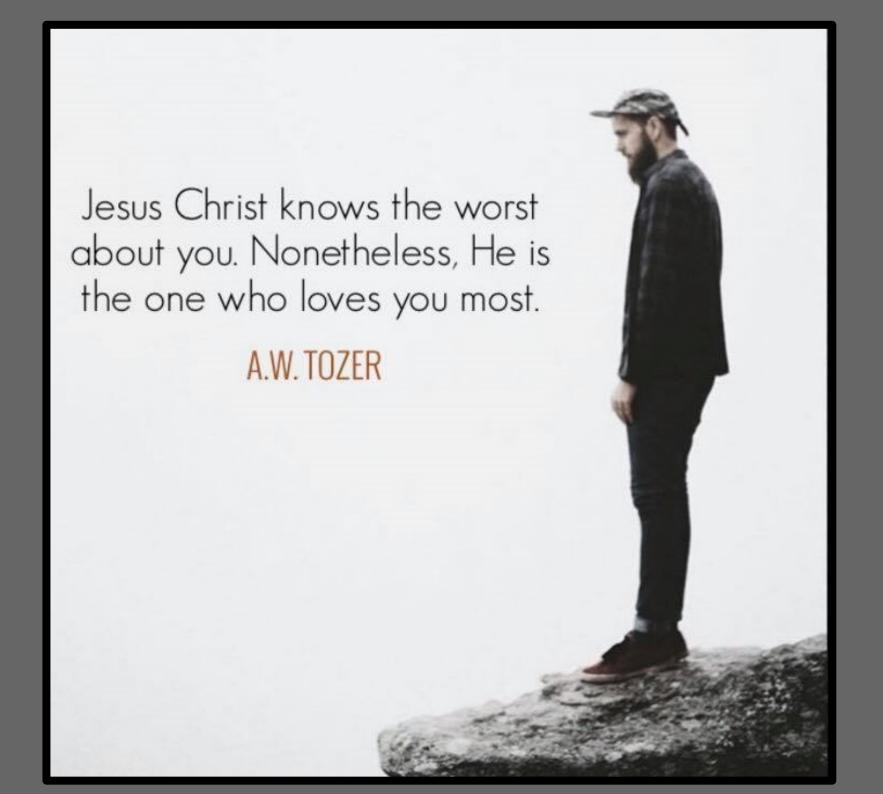
- Hebrews 4:13





What God knows about you and me





For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

Luke 8:17

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- Matthew 10:29-31, ESV



LET US **TEST AND EXAMINE** OUR WAYS, AND RETURN TO THE LORD!

LAMENTATIONS 3:40

EXAMINE YOURSELVES

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TO SEE WHETHER

YOU ARE IN THE FAITH;

s 13:5

TEST YOURSELVES.



HIS OWN WORK,

AND THEN HE WILL HAVE REJOICING IN HIMSELF ALONE, AND NOT IN ANOTHER. FOR EACH ONE SHALL BEAR HIS OWN LOAD.

THE PROOF OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS NOT HOW PURE YOU ARE BUT AWARENESS OF YOUR IMPURITY. THAT VERY AWARENESS OPENS THE DOOR TO GRACE.

- PHILIP YANCEY -

"NO MAN KNOWS HOW BAD HE IS TILL HE HAS TRIED VERY HARD TO BE 600D." - C. S. LEWIS

In his book, The Kingdom of God is Within You, Leo Tolstoy said that all religious systems tend to promote external rules, or moralism. In contrast, Jesus refused to define a set of rules that His followers could fulfill with a sense of satisfaction.

One can never "arrive" in light of such sweeping commands as "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind ... Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

le·gal·ism -excessive adherence to law or formula.

<u>In Theology</u> - dependence on moral law rather than on personal religious faith.

"Stress obedience apart from faith and you produce legalism."



External law is like standing in the light of a lantern fixed to a post. It is light all around you, but there is nowhere further to walk.



The teachings of Christ are like carrying a lantern before you; the light is in front of you, always lighting up fresh ground and always encouraging you to walk further.

Philippians 3:4-8

"Though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ."

Jewish Legalism

- Moses' Law has 613 Regulations
- The Pharisees added many more regulations to get around God's law (a man-made system of setting up loop holes)
- Some examples are a woman could not look in the mirror on the Sabbath because she may see a gray hair and be tempted to pluck it out

Christian Legalism

The Medieval Church's View of Salvation was a shift from the biblical teaching on repentance to the church's teaching of penance.

The repentant one simply prays to God, "Have mercy; I'm a sinner." Penance is the list of things to do that will put you right with God.

- ·Legalism is performance driven faith.
- •The legalist measures righteousness by rules, restrictions, and regulations.
- •The problem with such a system is that it makes everyone compare his life with the success and failures of others. In legalism, someone will always be a little better, and someone will always be a little worse.

- Legalism Fosters Feelings Of Pride And Competition
- We Create Our Own Lists Of "Acceptable" and "Unacceptable" Sins
- A Century Ago, Divorce and Drinking Topped The List
- Today Abortion and Homosexuality Probably Rank Higher

The Cure For Legalism Is Grace

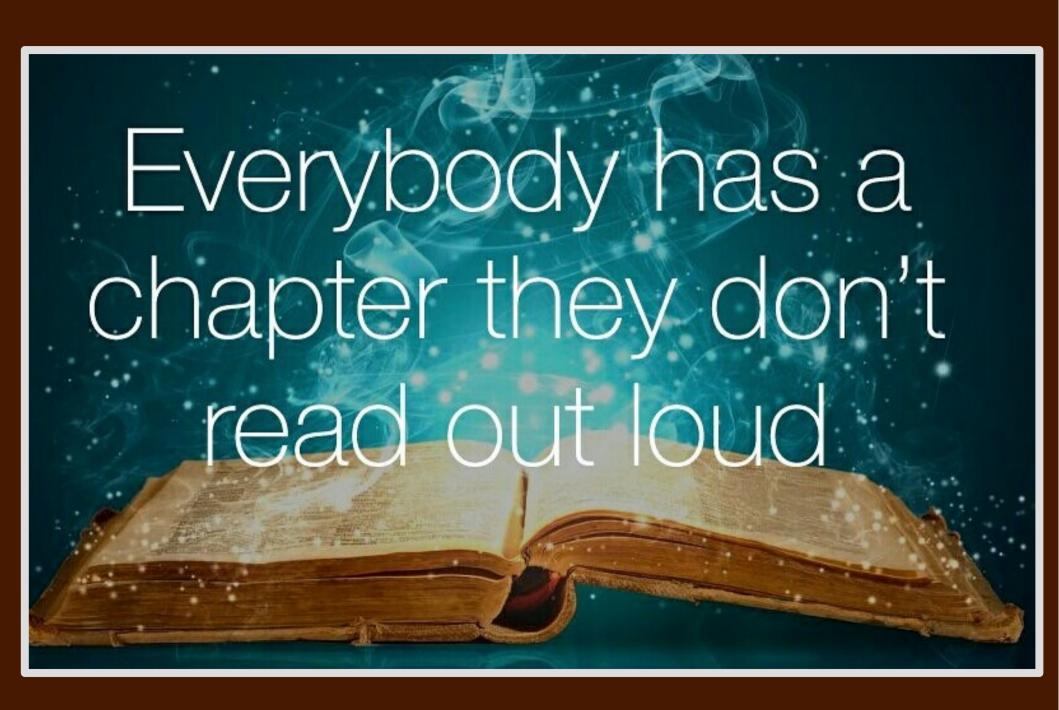
- Repentance, Not Proper Behavior Or Even Holiness, Is The Doorway To Grace
- Law Points Out The Sickness; Grace Brings About The Cure
- There Are Only Two Types Of People
 - Not The Guilty and The Righteous,
 But Sinners Who Admit and Sinners
 Who Deny

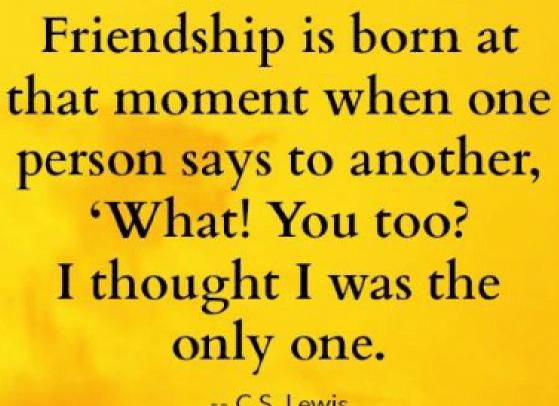
Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.



Don't Hide Behind The Christian Mask





-- C.S. Lewis





As a Home Inspection Reveals a Home's Weaknesses, God Reveals Our Weaknesses For Our Own Good

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights

(Proverbs 3:11-12)

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

