

Women's Ministry



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The following was posted in The Creative Box Newsletter. I added a few ideas you can do with your women's group.

"Spring Clean" Your Life

"Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." (Psalm 51:2)

Meditating on what I read this morning in chapter 34 of 2 Chronicles, it emphasized the importance of cleansing. Young King Josiah realized the urgency to worship God in spirit and in truth. He began destroying the carved images and repairing the temple of Lord. After finding, reading, and sharing the Book of Law, he ordered all to perform what was written. He desired for Israel to be cleansed and obey God.

How important is it to me to cleanse my life? How important is to me to cleanse my heart from the dirt of sin that shows through my words, thoughts and actions?

Here in upstate New York we have had a very long and cold winter. Spring is around the corner and I look forward to the warm weather. I will then be able to open my home windows wide open and begin what we call here "Spring Cleaning". This is a time when many begin a thorough cleansing of their homes. I combined this thought with the Bible reading from 2 Chronicles chapter 34 and encourage you, too, to "Spring Clean" your life. Open the windows of your heart and allow the Holy Spirit in. He will bring to light all the dirt that need to be

cleansed away by the power of Jesus' blood. What a beautiful thought that, as we go to Him in humility and confess our sins, He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Here a few questions to ponder upon:

What are your cobwebs that need sweeping away so that you can appreciate the beauty of Jesus and be able to worship in spirit and truth?

What areas need "freshening up"? Such as attitude, prayer time, words spoken, timeliness, etc.

What's cluttering your mind that you need to get rid off and give over to God? Such as worry, anxiety, fears, etc.

Are you ready to allow God to "Spring Clean" your life? Are you ready for a total transformation? The Holy Spirit is ready. Make sure daily you are too!

As you share the above message with your women's group, here a few ideas you can do:

- Pass out cleaning supplies to each of your ladies (mop, broom, sponge, gloves, cloth, duster, etc.). If you have a large group, you may divide them into small groups and give one item per group. Ask each lady or group to create a spiritual application from the item. (For example, my broom sweeps the dirt but it is my choice to place the dirt in the garbage. God's Word and the Holy Spirit shows the areas in my life where there is sin (dirt) but it is my choice to confess my sins and by faith accept the promise He has forgiven me and remembers my sin no more.)
- Have your group of ladies find Bible verses with one or more of the following words: clean, cleanse, cleansing, cleansed, washed, and wash. Discuss the meaning of the Bible verse(s). How does the Bible verse(s) bring you hope? How can you share this hope with others?
- Choose a date and call it "Spring Cleaning Day". Seek out a person or family who are unable to keep their homes clean due to illness, etc. Have a group of ladies go to their home (with prior permission) and clean their home. Organize a group of joyful hymns you can sing while cleaning and/or say Bible verses (again, with permission).
- Find a small spritzer bottle and fill with water. Tie a pretty ribbon around the bottle with a note showing the Bible verse found in Psalm 51:2 or any other Bible verse that relates to cleansing. Prayerfully share this bottle with others.