

Does Jesus Live Here?

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There are few characteristics in which mothers must encourage their children that are more important than honesty. In 2 Corinthians 8:21 we are told, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the LORD, but also in the sight of men." We all know how we should be honest with others. But let's look at it from another point of view. Are you honest with yourself?

The story goes of a Christian family, which lived in a nice town. One day the lady of the house answered a knock at the door. After exchanging good afternoons, a man asked her "Does JESUS live here?" The lady was very thoughtful as to how to answer this simple question.

Later when her husband came in and asked how her day had gone. The wife told him of her visitor and his question. The husband began with, "did you tell him we go to worship every Sunday. Did you say we read our Bible?" The wife replies simply, "he didn't ask that, he asked does JESUS live here?"

What a thought-provoking question. Would things have to change for JESUS to live in our hearts and homes? Would we have to change our entertainment or the activities we allow our children to participate in? Are we aware of the condition between our LORD and ourselves? 2 Corinthians 13:5 tells us to, "Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith; prove yourselves, know that JESUS CHRIST is in you, except ye be reprobates." We need to want to know how things are between our LORD and ourselves? Closing our eyes to it will not hide it. "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." (Hebrews 4:13)

WOW! There are really no secrets! We can't afford to be dishonest with ourselves. But as His children we have a special blessing. We have help! "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." (2Chronicles 16:9a) May the LORD find reason to be strong on your behalf this week!!!