

# KEEPING YOUR HOME IN ORDER



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Wherever we live: home, flat, rental or as an owner, we have a responsibility to care for our property, to keep it in order.

Not only for upkeep of that property but also for our responsibility as owner, buyer or tenant.

For the Christian, maintenance and care is a lesson in stewardship.

There is a spiritual lesson in regard to maintenance and care. It measures our ability to prepare for our home in the next life.

Proverbs reminds us that *"by wisdom a*

*house is built, and by understanding it is established"*.

The Psalms remind us that the master builder is the Lord. And all construction to be successful has his guidance and patience.

Jesus teaches that excellence in little things fits us for greater responsibility. Paul reminds us of our responsibility to care for family and relatives.

And in Colossians he reminds us of our responsibility to live and work in love. To be bound together in harmony.

## *Reflection:*

In sum, the lesson of Bible teaching is that this life is a preparation for living in the home of many mansions above.

How we work and act, here and now, prepares us for the life above. There is no vision of a heavenly home where we will live in absolute luxury.

We will be in the presence of a working, creating God. And we will have responsibilities and stewardship, in line with his creative purpose.

We begin by keeping and leaving our earthly home in order.