

Cleaning Up the House

On *Clean House*, a program airing on the Style Channel for about 10 years, experts would sweep into a cluttered home with the purpose of leaving it more comfortable, attractive and livable.

The experts faced the challenge of clothes strewn across the floor, bulging cabinets, closets filled from top to bottom, cluttered countertops and overflowing kitchens, bedrooms, bathrooms and living rooms – not a clean room in the house!



The first step for the experts was to take an inventory of all the stuff. Then decisions are made about what to sell at a yard sale and what to keep. The homeowners tried to hold on to favorite clothes from years gone by, childhood keepsakes and space-taking trivia, but eventually they yield.

They have a yard sale, and the money they earn helps with the makeover. Then the family leaves, and the work begins.

Rooms are cleaned out, redone for more efficiency and attractiveness, and repainted. Curtains are hung, cabinets set in and walls decorated. When the family returns, nervous anticipation quickly gives way to excitement and laughter. “Thank you, thank you,” the family says amid smiles and tears.

It is refreshing to witness the transformation – not just in the house, but what it means in the lives of its residents.

Clean House becomes an analogy for the spiritual realm. There comes a time for each of us to take inventory of what’s in our hearts, get rid of some things, and do some repairing and remodeling.

Like the families on that program, we have an expert in remodeling and renovation available to us.

His name? Jesus Christ. And He can make our makeover an astounding success.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me (Psalm 51:10 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter