

TENANCY AGREEMENT

Since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, we have a duty as Christians to fear (or reverence) God and keep His commandments.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ When a person wants to rent a home, building, or apartment, there is a tenancy agreement one must complete. This agreement has certain important information called the “terms of the tenancy agreement” that must be adhered to by both the owner and the person leasing the home or building.
- ❖ The Bible says we are bought with a price and we are not our own. Therefore, we should glorify God in our body and our spirit because both belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:20).
- ❖ When we decide to give our life to God, we enter into a covenant relationship with Him. There is a tenancy agreement that comes into play.
- ❖ We no longer do the things we used to do that are not in line with the practice or principles of Christ. Neither do we start doing things we never did before that do not line up with His Word. That is the tenancy agreement we have with Him.
- ❖ If you have a tenancy agreement, then there must be a required rent in place. So, when does God expect us to pay rent? Every day.
- ❖ This rent is anchored on the principles and practices of Christ and the Word of God, which should be displayed in our lives on a daily basis.
- ❖ Every morning we awaken to new mercies, grace and faithfulness coming from God (Lamentations 3:22-23). God does this for us expecting something in return: that we live like a Christian.
- ❖ We must employ the same effort we use to pay our rent, mortgage, or monthly bills to honour our commitments to God.
- ❖ What is hindering us from talking to God, from spending time with Him daily? What can we change in our lives to make time for God or to make sure we honour the rental agreement we have with Him?
- ❖ If our answer is “nothing”, then He is not the landlord of our unit.
- ❖ A rental agreement will stipulate what/who can or cannot be brought inside. What are we bringing into our rental unit that God did not permit or approve?
- ❖ Isaiah 5:1-4 speaks of the vineyard that yielded wild grapes instead of good ones. The Lord, in turn, took away its hedges and broke down its walls.
- ❖ Have you ever wondered why there is chaos in your life? It could be that God is trying to get your attention. If we love Him then we will keep His commandments (John 14:15).
- ❖ God desires faithfulness from us. He requires us to walk humbly before Him (Micah 6:8) and to bring forth good fruits (Galatians 5:22). He expects us to let our light “shine before men” (Matthew 5:16) and to meditate on virtuous and praiseworthy things (Philippians 4:8).

KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10;
1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 7:23-24

- ❖ Everything we do, God sees. If those things are not glorifying God, then we are in violation of the rental agreement.
- ❖ While we are housed in this mortal flesh, we are assured that one day we are going to move out of this temporary mortal body to one that is eternal (1 Corinthians 15:50-54).
- ❖ How do we maintain our tenancy agreement? We need to get familiar with God’s Spirit in our house. We need to let Him in and allow Him to do the maintenance He is so capable of doing.
- ❖ When a landlord wishes to re-possess a unit, a person may get 60-days’ notice. The Bible says no one knows the day or the hour when the Son of Man is coming back (Matt. 24:36).
- ❖ The lease agreement we have on life has a question mark beside the end date. When that end date comes, we want to make sure we are on the right side—on God’s side. We need to re-read the lease agreement (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).
- ❖ Our jealous God desires all of us, not just a part (Deut. 5:7-9). Let us give Him what he deserves, which is the best of our lives.
- ❖ What is the landlord’s job? To fix things when they are broken. Is there something you need fixed? Do you require the landlord’s help? What can God do for you today?
- ❖ If the landlord of our home is God, then He is the one we answer to. No one else who comes knocking deserves the rent.
- ❖ We can summarize the lease agreement we have with God in one sentence: Since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, we have a duty as Christians to fear (or reverence) God and keep His commandments.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. When we enter into a “tenancy agreement” with Christ, what are some of the terms and conditions? (Find Scriptures to support your response.)
2. Upon entering this agreement, what were some of the things you either changed or stopped doing? Did this occur instantly/gradually? What was easy/hard to do?
3. Is there anything broken in your life? Pray for one another. Take a moment to approach the “landLord” of our lives and ask for His help.

Prayer Time




Lord, I knowingly, willingly, and wholeheartedly enter into this tenancy agreement with You. Take Your place in my life and have Your way with me.

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms)  (New idea)  (Think about)

 (Do this)  (Speaks to my heart)  (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
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Start-up: What are some of the things you require of a rental unit? What are the “deal breakers” that will make you turn your back on one?