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About the Author:



There were 19 million homes sold in the United States last year. Millions more will be sold this year, and each year. Christians need to hear that God has ordained them a home and how to find it!

My wife and I, with our two daughters, recently completed a seven year search for our new home. We relied on the Lord to lead us to our new house. We prayed together as a family for our new house. When we walked into this house for our first tour, we knew in our spirits that we were home! Your search does not have to be as long as ours was!

I learned the art of Spiritual Warfare while owning and editing a Christian newspaper in Grand Rapids, Michigan for seven years. "I have a standing policy with the Devil. If he hits me once, I will hit him back three times, with the power of God! The Devil would attack me or the newspaper, and I would make every effort to publish at least three articles exposing what the he was doing. I soon realized that this really was not Spiritual Warfare, but I was doing some damage to his principality."

I studied the Bible, read all the good books I could find, attended seminars and sought out the local experts in Spiritual Warfare. With a firm belief that my authority over the Devil and his evil spirits comes by my relationship in Christ, now I can better protect himself, my family and business.

Born in Charleston, S.C., I accepted the Lord at age thirteen. After moving to Houston, Texas, in 1979, I met his wife at Second Baptist Church. In 1989, the Fennell family moved to Grand Rapids. I have worked as a Christian Radio D.J. and have appeared on numerous television talk shows.

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Dedication:

It is an awesome responsibility and humbling event to be lead by the Holy Spirit to write these words that make up this report. I dedicate these words to those who seek God's will in their lives and that of their family's in where they live, witness, and are witnessed to. May His Kingdom come. His Will Be Done!

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Why Spiritual Warfare while looking for a house?

Each year, millions of homes were sold in America. The Bible teaches that God ordains the nations and their leaders. He has appointed them a time to exist. He has appointed their locations, on what continent and what borders they will occupy. Like-wise, every City is divinely located, in time, with a purpose, therefore, every home or house, every building, park, road, etc., in a city, has been placed there under the supervision of God. Everything is either in His submissive or His perfect will. Sometimes His involvement is invisible, sometimes very visible, but God is Sovereign!

Rick Warren in his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, argues that, "It's not about Us." Its all about God and His divine purposes. I highly recommend that you read his book before you begin your search for a new home.

God's plan is like a large, multidimensional, jig saw puzzle! It involves and is woven over time, lives, continents, nations, cities, families, and individuals. No man can see it all or understand it all. We must have confidence in the Creator of that Plan. Where we fit in, that is between you and God.

God has a home for you and your family! A home that He picked out for you and your family long before the earth was formed, before time began. "For I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, plans to prosper you, not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33. If we just helter-skelter purchase a home, chosen by our wants, likes and dislikes, if we go by where the best schools are, if we pick a

neighborhood in a city, in a state, in a nation, without consulting God -- who has lead us to that house? Who may have influenced us to buy that house over another? Who's plan are we following?

Think of how different your life would be or would have been, if you had lived in house "A", "B" or "C" instead of the one you did grow up in. Think of how different your life would have been if you had attended a different high school than the one you did. Did you grow up in the house God ordained for your family? Were you in His perfect will living where you did? Are you in His perfect will living where you are?

In a jig saw puzzle, if you put a piece in the wrong place, it does not fit. It does not full-fill its purpose. It does not look right. It's influence in the wrong place effects the completion of the whole puzzle. Yes, if we live in the wrong house, we have the same effect on our surroundings. We may not full-fill the plan God had for us.

I believe that a large contributing factor to the race problems we still have in the United States is because of the living patterns, segregated neighborhoods and segregated churches, created by Christians not being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, moving to the suburbs rather than asking God, "Where would you have me and my family live?". Many people have moved by fear not faith!

Where we live is important! Not only do we have an influence on those who are our neighbors, but our neighbors have an influence, for good or bad, on us, our families and our communities!

If you have a house to sell before you can move, ask God to lead the family He wants to live in your house to you. Keep praying this until your prayer is answered!

The Devil hates God and all that He has created and wants to destroy it! The Devil hates you and your family! He will try to lead you to the wrong house, wrong community so you can't witness to someone God wants you to witness to, or someone won't be a Godly influence on you and your family, as God wanted. He will try to move you to the wrong precinct, city or state, so you won't be voting or speaking out on local issues in a Godly manner where God want's you to. The Devil will neutralize your sphere of influence by leading you to any house but the one God wants you to have. The Devil hopes you will settle for second

best! Beware, the Devil will often send you a counterfeit of what you may think is God's Best for you.

The decision you make on which house to buy or rent could effect generations!

In using Spiritual Warfare while looking for a house, I pray you find the house God has ordained for you. If, over time, millions of Christians move into **the home** God has ordained for them, their witness would change America and the world.