

# Spring Cleaning

## Spring Cleaning - The "Must Clean" Items (part 1) - April 26th

### Introduction

Believers are empowered with two approaches to relationships. We can live in *curse-full* relationships or we can live in *grace-full* relationships. Curse-full relationships work to control others while Grace-full relationships learn ways to better submit which empowers self-control. There are some relationships that if overlooked, we miss out on some of the best opportunities in discovering and learning healthy boundaries that lead us to the Source of self-control.

### Discussion Questions

1. If you do spring cleaning, what are some the items that on your "must clean" list that do not normally get cleaned throughout the rest of the year? Why do you have these as "must clean" items?
2. In relationships, some of the most important ones we will have are those with our children, grandchildren, or the those in the next generation we will influence. If you have children or grandchildren discuss your relationship with them. If you don't have children of your own, discuss some relationships that you may have with those in the up and coming generations.
3. Have you ever noticed that kids want things to be "their way" all the time? Does this ever really change for any of us? What are some ways you have noticed either in kids or in your life, that you have tried to control people, places, or things so that you could get your way?
4. In the message Jon mentioned that there are really two ways to be in a relationship; Either you will be trying to control the other person or under self-control with yourself? What are some of the ways you have you seen both of these dynamics play out in your relationships?
5. When it comes to teaching our children or the next generation about God's best for their life, what does God say in [Ephesians 6:4](#) / [Proverbs 22:6](#) / [Luke 17:2](#) are the two "do's" and two "dont's" when building relationships with them.
6. In the message Jon said; "Right behaviors are outer manifestations birthed from inner revelations". When realizing what God's 2 "do's" and 2 "don'ts" for establishing boundaries that lead to self-control and good behaviors; what are some areas that could use some spring cleaning in your life or in the relationships you have with your children? How can this group help you?

### Moving Forward

We can't give what we don't have. If we don't have a growing relationship with God then we will never be able to give one to our kids, grandkids, or the next generation. God clearly has given us some boundaries when working with children that help remind us of our own boundaries in our life. When we submit to God's boundaries it empowers us to live in a deepening relationship with Him and to be able to offer that to our children, grandchildren, or those in the next generation we will influence. When you look to God's word in [Ephesians 6:4](#) / [Proverbs 22:6](#) / [Luke 17:2](#), ask yourself if you are living what God is asking you to give to the next generation. If you are not, what step towards God will you take this week to begin moving closer towards His best?

### Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory

...according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

- [Ephesians 3:16](#) (ESV)