

The Box

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House of the Lord

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Some people come up just short of victory, because they have God in the wrong place:

They think in their head
They pray in their head
They even sing in their head
Some will even picture God, in their head
Some will also attempt to praise in their mind

True praise is the outflow of the heart.

Love and joy are heart products, not thoughts.

From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

With the whole heart, I will praise Him
But, it is the mouth that affects the atmosphere
The mouth praises, decrees, speaks, rejoices gives utterance

Faith needs to hear something

Faith doesn't come by thinking

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing what God said

(Romans 10:17)

We need to hear our "creative sounds"

Without a certain, distinct, definitive sound, how can we go to battle? *1*

Corinthians 14:8 (NKJV) For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

* A house, or a home, what is the difference?

A house is a built structure

an empty box as it were

What one puts in it, determines its worth, function

A house can be used as an office, professional suites, a display, a shop,

- Is a Bachelor pad a home, it has stuff in it...

- A house of ill repute, has people in it
- A nut house has care being given in it

But a home has purpose in it, has a future in it
It takes time, effort and design, to make a house a home.

A house is a big box.
What you put in it, can make it a home.

People are houses,

1 Peter 2:5 (NAS) you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

When a house conforms to purpose, it can be a home, a dwelling place, a power place.

1 Corinthians 3:16 do you not know that you are God's sanctuary, temple, dwelling place, home

1 Corinthians 6:19 Have you forgotten that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?

2 Corinthians 6:16 for we are living temples of the living God.

What is in a house/box/vessel, gives value to it.

"But we possess this priceless treasure, in a fragile earthen vessel (clay pot). 2 Corinthians 4:7

Road Runner 440 magnum commando
Wouldn't run on regular fuel
to perform, it needed premium fuel
to race, it needed special octane blend

The fuel a king is filled with, will determine his value and effectiveness.

Jesus was filled with virtue.

His clay pot was full of God's presence, to the overflow.

John 10:35 (AMP) So men are called gods [by the Law], men to whom God's message came--and the Scripture cannot be set aside or cancelled or broken or annulled--