

THEME: My heart- Christ's home

TITLE: Is your heart a home for Jesus? The Rec Room

**SONG: TOUCH OF THE MASTERS HAND
HE'S ALL I NEED**

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. We are in a series featuring the booklet entitled 'My heart, Christ's home', written by Robert Boyd Munger in 1936. This writing encourages the reader to look at their heart as a house with many rooms. Today we will visit the Rec Room with Mr. Boyd and Jesus and learn how important it is to choose right relationships and activities that will Glorify God. Open up your heart as you listen.

Have you started a new venture in your workroom for the Lord yet? Hopefully you are finding this series to be beneficial to spur you on to better Christian character and greater service for God.

The room we are entering today is the Rec Room. This is where we spend our free time.

Let's see what Mr. Boyd has to say...

I remember the time he inquired about the rec room, where I went for fun and fellowship. I was hoping he would not ask me about that. There were certain associations and activities I wanted to keep for myself. I did not think Jesus would enjoy or approve of them. I evaded the question.

However, one evening when I was on my way out with some of my buddies for a night on the town, He was at the door and stopped me with a glance. "Are you going out?"

I answered. "Yes."

"Good. " He said. I would like to go with you."

"Oh," I replied rather awkwardly. "I don't think, Lord, that you would really enjoy where we are going. Let's go out together tomorrow night. Tomorrow night we can go to a Bible class or a social at the church, but tonight I have another engagement."

"As you wish." was His comment. "Only I thought when I came into your home we were going to do everything together – be close companions! Just know that I am willing to go with you!"

"Well," I said, "we'll go someplace together tomorrow night!"

That evening I spent some miserable hours. I felt rotten! What kind of a friend was I to Jesus? Deliberately leaving him out of part of my life, doing things and going places that I knew very well He would not enjoy? When I returned that evening, there was a light in His room and I went up to talk it over with Him. I acknowledged, "Lord, I have learned my lesson. I know now I can't have a good time if you are not along. From now on we will do everything together!"

Then we went down together into the rec room of the house, He transformed it. He brought new friendships, new excitement, new joys. Laughter and music have been ringing in the house ever since. With a twinkle in His eye, He smiled, "You thought that with me around you wouldn't have much fun, didn't you? Remember, I have come that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:11)

So ends the reading.

The Bible is full of instruction about our relationships. Let's look at a few verses...

Proverbs 18:24 reads

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

And that friend Who sticks closer is Jesus.

**** HE'S ALL I NEED ** LENGTH: 3:40**

HE'S ALL I NEED

VERSE 1

*He's all I need when I just need someone to talk to
He's always there to hear my prayer – each time I call
Him
All my needs He supplies – my thirsty soul He satisfies
He's my everything – and He's all I need*

CHORUS 1

*He comforts me when I'm weary
He eases every pain
He fills my deepest longing
Time and time again
He's my soul's inspiration
My heart's consolation
He's my everything – and He's all I need*

VERSE 2

*He's all I need – I need not turn to any other
For He's a friend – a friend who's closer than a brother
And on this friend I can rely
To be my strength as life goes by
He's the Lord of all – and He's all I need.*

CHORUS 2

*He comforts me when I'm weary - He eases every pain
He fills my deepest longing - time and time again
He's my soul's inspiration - my heart's consolation
He's my everything – and He's all I need.*

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*He's all I need – He's all I need
He's my everything and He's all I need (He's all I need)*

When we ask Jesus to be our Savior, He takes away our sin and gives us His righteousness. The Holy Spirit comes to reside in our hearts. We can now choose to say 'yes' to right living and friendships as well as 'no' to wrong.

2 Corinthians 6:14 says

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Proverbs 12:26 reads

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 22:24-25

Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

1 Cor. 15:33

Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.

Proverbs 24:24

Do not envy the wicked, do not desire their company; for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble.

Romans 6:13 speaks of our activities...

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness.

Proverbs 21:16

Whoever strays from the path of prudence comes to rest in the company of the dead.

God gives us the choice, stay with old habits and activities that do not edify God or yourself, or move on to bigger and better things from God that truly satisfy.

OLD -or- NEW
which do you choose?

***We hold on to OLD things though NEW offer more.
It's ground that we've covered...predictable...sure.***

***But God say, "Give it up...let them pass from your life.
They'll give you no peace...just long endless strife".***

***The blessings far outweigh the struggle to change
When God is let free to your life rearrange.***

***He'll make you what you've always wanted to be...
A beautiful person that others can see.***

***It's well worth the effort to give up control
To the One who cares deeply for your very soul.***

***He'll never hurt you for He paid the price.
He gave up His Son so that we'd be in Christ.***

***Resist Him no longer - you're wasting so much
He'll do all the work - all it takes is His touch.***

***** **WRITER: Wayne Watson**
***** Touch of the Masters Hand *** LENGTH: 4:38**

TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

**Well, it was battered and scarred
And the auctioneer felt...it was hardly worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin
But he held it up with a smile**

**"It sure ain't much - but it's all we got left
I guess we oughta sell it, too
Now who'll start the bid for this old violin
Just one more and we'll be through."**

And he cried out...

**"One...give me one dollar..who'll make it two
Only two dollars...who'll make it three
Three dollars twice...that's a good price
Who's gonna bid it for me
Raise up your hand...now don't wait any longer
The auction's about to end
Who's got four...just one dollar more
To bid on this old violin."**

Now, ya know, the air was hot...and the people stood 'round
As the sun, it was settin' low
From the back of the crowd, a gray haired man
He came forward and took up the bow
He wiped the dust from the old violin
And he tightened up the strings
Then he played out a melody pure and sweet
Sweet as the angels sing

And then the music stopped...and the auctioneer
In a voice that was quiet and low...
He said.."What is my bid for this old violin?"
And he held it up with its bow

CHORUS

Then he cried out...

"One...give me one thousand...who'll make it two
Only two thousand...who'll make it three
Three thousand twice...now that's a good price
Who's gonna bid it for me?"

The people cried out...

"What made the change...we don't understand?"

And then the auctioneer stopped...and he said with a smile
It was the TOUCH of the master's hand. (repeat 3 times on 2nd chorus)

Now ya know, many a man with a life out of tune
Is battered and scarred with his sin
He's auctioned cheap to a thankless world
Much like that old violin
Oh, but then the Master comes and the foolish crowd
They don't understand
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought
Just by the touch...of the MASTER'S hand.

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