

Kitchen Window

Scripture:

I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. (Revelation 3:1b)

Main Message:

*To be righteous in public and unrighteous in private
is to be unrighteous all of the time!*

Materials List:

(1) Window

Song: *Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me*

Lesson:

My kitchen window is a big, bright, square that looks out onto my backyard. While sitting in my breakfast nook, I like to look out at all the work my husband has done to bring the yard from dust and weeds to its current beauty complete with a covered patio. Hummingbirds like to fly to the birdhouse my daughter made at bible camp a few years back. I can sit and watch my children and their cousins run around. This picture window often frames an ideal life.

Every now and then, my eyes wander to the windows of the two story home behind us. Though we have planted trees for privacy, I am sure they can get a glimpse every once in a while of what goes on inside my kitchen window. I have to wonder what they think of the life that is being lived in there. Is it as picturesque as the outside life? Is there beauty and signs of love and nurturing? Or does it look neglected and tired?

It is easy, when we are in our own home, to let some things go. We do not feel the need to be as kind as we are in front of other people. Where we need to be supportive of our husband at church, at home we feel we have free reign to criticize his shortcomings. While we sweetly correct our children in public, we let our frustration spew out of our mouths in the comfort of our own home. Sometimes, we may be living a completely opposite life inside from the one on the outside. That is when it is time to stop and smell the roses, or dandelions, or whatever flower grows outside of the window. Breathe in the sweetness and remember to make your life inside mirror this.

Whether you have neighbors behind you or not, God is always there looking in your kitchen window. Does He smile at the life He sees or does He shake his head? As the eyes are said to be the window of the soul, so is the kitchen window for the Christian.

Prayer: Ask God for the strength to change what needs to be changed so that our lives will represent God inside and outside of our homes.