

# **It's a Jungle!**

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The Lord gave me a vision of a lot of land and it was overgrown. There were bushes, the grass was tall, the tree branches were hanging this way and that and it just looked like a jungle. It was a place where any number of varmints would like to hang out. However, it was in an area where there were clean lots and well-kept houses. It was, so to speak, an eye sore.

I've seen the gamma of landscaped and well-manicured lawns and there are variations of how people choose to take care of their lawns.

What I feel like the Lord wants us to focus on today is how we make ourselves available to Him and to those around us. How welcoming are we?

With everything that goes on in our lives from moment to moment, we can neglect or overlook the things that once were in an okay place. It doesn't take much time for something to age without proper care and attention.

I feel like the Lord wants to lovingly remind each of us to take care of our gateway. We aren't supposed to "keep up with the Jones'" but we are supposed to take care of what the Lord has given us and make ourselves available should the Lord send someone our way, that we are at a place where we can help someone else's walk, and not trip them or allow the cobwebs to distract them from their purpose in coming to us in the first place. This can be emotional, mental, spiritual, &/or physical.

When we have a welcoming place for the Lord and others, then we can serve, love, help, and minister outwardly without anything having to circle back around to give us attention. A city on a hill, a light in the darkness.... Clearly seen... Lord help us to not be a distraction, help us to get ourselves and our houses in order. We want to always be ready for Your plans for us each day. In Jesus name, amen.

**Hebrews 13:1-2 - Continue to love each other. <sup>2</sup> Don't forget to show hospitality to believers you don't know. By doing this some believers have shown hospitality to angels without being aware of it.**

**Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**1 Timothy 3:5 - for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?**