Who Owns Your House?

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Matthew 21:12&13 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" Luke 19:47 Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him.g

What Was The Temple Like?

Enlarged by Herod *(74BC - 4BC)*, it took 46 years to complete (John 2:20). 10,000 skilled labors worked over the progress of its construction. The Temple complex covered 36 acres. Josephus' *(37AD – 100AD)* description of the Stoa *"...It was a structure more noteworthy than any under the sun. The height of the portico was so great that if anyone looked down from its rooftop he would become dizzy...."*

What Was The Temple For?

1. The place God _____ for the people to gather and worship Him.
2. The place where _____ were offered for sin.

Why Was Jesus Angry?

1. The "_____" were using the one spot reserved for "_____" to worship for commerce and convenience, impeding their access to God.
2. A space that was reserved for prayer was being used for the wealthy to get richer.
3. The Temple was supposed to be a safe haven for those seeking God, but the religious leaders created an environment where corrupt people felt secure.

How Should We Respond?

1. Everyone needs a "_____" experience.
2. Examine your life to see where Jesus is "rearranging" it, inside and out.

"There is a place for righteous indignation. Christians are right to be upset about sin and injustice and should take a stand against them. ***Unfortunately***, believers are often passive about these important issues and instead get angry over personal insults and petty irritation." *-Live Application Bible Commentary: Mark pg.322*

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