

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APR 3, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "IF HE CAN, I CAN TOO"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE HEAVENLY TABERNACLE"

GOSPEL MEETING AT 6TH AVE, APR 3-6

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY APR 17

THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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IF HE CAN, I CAN TOO
(Genesis 39:1-20)

I. Don't be _____ by your situation.

A. Joseph was in a great _____.

1. He reminded her that Potiphar had put him in charge of _____ in the house, but Mrs. Potiphar.

2. He could have allowed himself to _____ his morals because of the power he had.

B. We must make sure that we don't allow our situation to cause us to lose awareness of how _____ we are.

C. No matter where we go or to what heights we climb, we must be aware of our own weaknesses.

1. Our _____ can get the best of us and cause us to fall into the traps of temptation.

2. _____ was one who let the situation weaken him.

D. Sometimes we _____ ourselves in situations that we shouldn't.

II. Don't be _____ by persuasion.

A. Mrs. Potiphar was _____ persuading Joseph to commit sin with her.

B. _____ ought to come to mind as one who was deceived by persuasion.

C. You and I can't let someone, or even _____, persuade us to do something that we know is wrong.

1. He knew that first and foremost, sin is against _____.

2. He had determined that he was not going to jeopardize his _____ with God.

D. If we don't, first _____ what is right, and second, _____ to do what is right, we will be persuaded to sin.

III. Don't be _____ with your emotions.

A. Joseph was not afraid to tell _____ no.

B. No doubt this temptation appealed to the _____ of Joseph.

C. He was so determined to not give in that he _____.

D. The ability to tell ourselves no is one of the greatest abilities we can ever acquire, but it is one of the _____.

IV. Don't be _____ by the immediate results.

A. Joseph did not allow himself to give in to the _____.

B. Joseph was willing to delay his _____.

C. He knew that his relationship with God was _____ in the balance.

D. He didn't give in to the now at the cost of the _____.

E. One of the main reasons for not giving in to the immediate results is that it makes it so much easier to commit the sin _____ and _____.

"OVERCOMING TEMPTATION"

Greg Neill

All people are tempted by something. Some people are tempted by almost everything. Some have only few things that tempt them. Even Jesus was tempted (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15).

Some temptations are harmless such as being tempted to grab a warm fresh baked cookie from a platter, knowing they are being made for someone else. Other temptations carry much more serious consequences such as giving into the lust of the flesh (1 John 2:15-17). God has made it very clear those that follow Him are not helpless in regard to temptations. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, Paul through inspiration provides the keys to overcoming temptation.

Paul makes it very clear that temptation is a common phenomenon. God's greatest servants, including His Son dealt with temptation. Temptation is not sin. Temptation has been described as the process of dealing with the choices of good and evil. As Christians mature, the avenues of temptation will come in different forms.

Paul further states that God's faithfulness is a key to overcoming temptation. The Bible teaches that God is not the source of temptation (James 1:13). God provides man with choices (Genesis 2:16-17). However, man is drawn into temptation by his desires (James 1:14). God will not allow any man to be tempted beyond his ability to overcome temptation. Temptations may be intense, but God's love for man is immense (1 John 3:1).

In this verse, Paul teaches that there is always an avenue of escape available to those that desire to walk with God. Many times those being tempted do not seek the way of escape or do not take advantage of the way of escape. The best method for finding the way of escape is to stay close to the Lord (James 4:8). There are several things Christians can do to overcome temptation. First, we should recognize the reality of our personal temptations (1 Corinthians 10:12, Galatians 6:1-2). Therefore, we must always examine ourselves.

Second, we should request help when facing temptation (Hebrews 2:18). Prayer is a great tool for dealing with temptation (Hebrews 4:16). Seeking godly advice provides safety from temptation (Proverbs 11:4). Having godly relationships can help us deal with being tempted (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). Third, we should remove ourselves from tempting situations by taking away the opportunities to be tempted (Proverbs 4:14-15, Matthew 5:29-30). At times the best way of escape is to stay off the path. Fourth, we should run from temptations that are severe. Joseph ran away (Genesis 39:13). Jesus retreated from certain situations (John 6:15). There is no shame in running from evil (1 Corinthians 10:14, 2 Timothy 2:22).

Most importantly we must rely on God's strength to help us deal with temptation (Philippians 4:13)!