

#2 Be loving, merciful and forgiving, NOT judgmental or condemning.

is right in his own eyes,
but he who heeds counsel is wise.

Ephesians 4:1 I therefore,
the prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you that ye walk worthy
of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness,
with longsuffering,
forbearing one another in love;

Luke 6:36 Therefore be merciful,
just as your Father also is merciful.

37 “Judge not, and you shall not be judged.
Condemn not,
and you shall not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

#3 Honestly confront sinful behavior.

Matthew 12:33 “Either make the tree good
and its fruit good,
or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad;
for a tree is known by its fruit . . . ”

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you,
brethren, warn them that are unruly,
comfort the feebleminded,
support the weak, be patient toward all
men.

#4 Some will foolishly reject godly counsel.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool

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Overcoming Life's Failures

Galatians 6:1

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ye which are spiritual,
restore such an one in the spirit of meekness;
considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.**

Sermon #1

Overtaken by Sin

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault”

Today's Message – Sermon #2

Seek Godly Counsel

“ye which are spiritual”

Sermon #3

The Process of Restoration

“restore such an one in the spirit of meekness.”

Sermon #4

The Importance of Accountability

“considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted”

A quick review of Sermon #1 preached on May 3, 2009.

Why are Christians so often “Overtaken by Sin?”

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There are five reasons why Christians may find themselves being overtaken by sin.

1. We give in to our lustful desires.
James 1:14-15 1 Peter 2:11 Romans 6:12-13
2. We fall prey to Satanic strongholds.
John 10:10 1 Peter 5:8 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
3. We hang out with the wrong crowd.
1 Corinthians 15:33
4. We love pursuing worldly pleasures.
1 John 2:15-16
5. We pridefully deny our sin problem.
Proverbs 16:18

A Closing Word of Caution was shared:
God will not allow His children to live a lie.

God loves us and His desire is for us to live holy lives. When we yield to sin, sooner or later our sins will be exposed and we will reap what we sow. When that day comes, not only do the consequences of our sins hurt us, but sadly our sins also wound those who love us most.

Galatians 6:7-8a

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
For he who sows to his flesh
will of the flesh reap corruption . . .

Today's Message

Sermon #2 of 4

When we are overtaken by sin and our sins are exposed and our world comes crashing down, we will find ourselves standing face to face with the consequences of our sin. When that time comes, we need to humbly seek the godly counsel of respected brethren who are living spiritual lives. Our willingness to obey the godly counsel that we are given is an essential part of the restoration process necessary for us to rebuild our broken lives.

“Seek Godly Counsel”

When a fellow Christian who has been overtaken by sin reaches out to us for godly counsel, what are our responsibilities and how should we respond?

#1 **Yes . . . We are our brother's keeper!**

Genesis 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain,
“Where is Abel your brother?”
He said, “I do not know.
Am I my brother's keeper?”

Galatians 6:1 Brethren,
if a man be overtaken in a fault,
ye which are spiritual,
restore such an one . . .

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no counsel,
the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors
there is safety.