

#3 A Teachable & Obedient Attitude

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you,
and be submissive,
for they watch out for your souls,
as those who must give account.
Let them do so with joy and not with grief,
for that would be unprofitable for you.

Proverbs 9:8b . . . Rebuke a wise man,
and he will love you.

9 Give instruction to a wise man,
and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just man,
and he will increase in learning.

10 “The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One
is understanding.

#4 A New Direction in Behavior & Lifestyle

Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless

I have this against you, (The Church at Ephesus)
that **YOU HAVE LEFT YOUR FIRST LOVE.**

5 Remember therefore
from where you have fallen;
REPENT and do the **FIRST WORKS,**
or else I will come to you quickly
and remove your lampstand
from its place — **UNLESS YOU REPENT.**

NEXT: Sermon #4 of 4

“The Importance of Accountability”
“considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted”

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Message #3 of a 4 Part Sermon Series

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Overcoming Life's Failures

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are
spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness;
considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

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

“Overtaken by Sin”

Why are Christians so often “Overtaken by Sin?”

Galatians 6:1

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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 . . .

A quick review of Sermon #2 preached on May 31, 2009.

“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 Galatians 6:1 Proverbs 11:14
2. Be loving, merciful and forgiving,
NOT judgmental or condemning.
Ephesians 4:1-2 Luke 6:36-37
3. Honestly confront sinful behavior.
Matthew 12:33 1 Thessalonians 5:14
4. Some will foolishly reject godly counsel.
Proverbs 12:15

Today’s Message: Sermon #3 of 4 “The Process of Restoration”

Galatians 6:1

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

When we are overtaken by sin and our world comes crashing down and we seek godly counsel, what will be expected of us as we work through the restoration process necessary to rebuild our broken lives.

#1 A Painfully Honest Confession of Sin

First . . . Confession To God:

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Second . . . Confession To A Trusted Christian:

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another,
and pray one for another,
that ye may be healed . . .

#2 A Submissive, Humble, & Patient Spirit

- 1 Peter 5:5 . . . Yes, all of you
be submissive to one another,
and be clothed with humility, for
“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.” Proverbs 3:35
- 6 Therefore humble yourselves
under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time.