

#1 Rejoice & Pray Thanking God In All Things

TRUST: GOD is in CONTROL

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

#2 Grow in Your Faith by Studying the Bible

TRUTH: God's Word teaches me how to live my life

- 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved
unto God, a workman that needeth not to be
ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

#3 Spend Time in Christian Fellowship & Worship

I need to ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE in CHURCH MINISTRIES

- Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another
to provoke unto love and to good works:
25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves
together, as the manner of some is;
but exhorting one another: and so much
the more, as ye see the day approaching.

#4 Know What Tempts You & Avoid It

Know your "SIN TRIGGERS"

- 2 Cor. 6:17 . . . Do not touch what is unclean . . . Isaiah 52:11
1 Thes. 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

#5 Make Yourself Accountable to Fellow Christians

SUBMIT your life to SPIRITUAL MENTORS

- Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one,
Because they have a good reward for their labor.
10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.
But woe to him who is alone when he falls,
For he has no one to help him up.
11 Again, if two lie down together, they will
keep warm; But how can one be warm alone?
12 Though one may be overpowered by another,
two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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Message #4 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

" . . . if a man be overtaken in a fault . . .

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

1. We give in to our lustful desires.
A Foothold of SIN takes ROOT
James 1:14-15 1 Peter 2:11 Romans 6:12-13
2. We fall prey to Satanic strongholds.
The FOOTHOLD becomes a STRONGHOLD "ADDICTION"
John 10:10 1 Peter 5:8 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
3. We hang out with the wrong crowd.
We COMPROMISE
1 Corinthians 15:33
4. We love pursuing worldly pleasures.
Wrong PRIORITIES
1 John 2:15-16
5. We pridefully deny our sin problem.
EGO
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”

Proverbs 18 : 24 ... there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother

Galatians 6:1

“Brethren . . . ye who are spiritual . . . in the spirit of meekness”

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!

EVERYONE needs GODLY COUNSELORS

Genesis 4:9 Galatians 6:1 Proverbs 11:14

2. Be loving, merciful and forgiving,
judgmental or condemning.

Be COMPASSIONATE

Ephesians 4:1-2 Luke 6:36-37

3. Honestly confront sinful behavior.

Practice TOUGH LOVE : be FIRM, but FAIR

Matthew 12:33 1 Thessalonians 5:14

4. Some will foolishly reject godly counsel.

Not all endings are happy

Proverbs 12:15

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A quick review of Sermon #3 preached on June 7, 2009.

“The Process of Restoration”

Galatians 6:1

“ . . . restore such an one . . . ”

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.

John 8 : 32 ... the TRUTH will set you free

First . . . Confession to God

1 John 1:9

Second . . . Confession to a Trusted Christian

James 5:16

2. A submissive, humble, & patient spirit.

ACCEPT & ENDURE SIN'S CONSEQUENCES

1 Peter 5:5-6

3. A teachable & obedient attitude.

An ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE

Hebrews 13:17 Proverbs 9:8-10

4. A new direction in behavior & lifestyle.

PROVE YOURSELF (1 Thessalonians 5 : 21)

Revelation 2:4-5

Today’s Message: Sermon #4 of 4

“The Importance of Accountability”

What does a SPIRITUAL MATURE lifestyle look like?

Galatians 6:1

“ . . . considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

To safeguard the integrity of our Christian testimony, having a lifelong system of accountability is important. What safeguards can help us avoid sin’s temptations?