

Spoiled Pleasure

Is our problem that we seek to be happy, or is our problem that we settle for happiness that will not last? Even though these verses continue to talk about struggles, it is these truths which will truly prepare us to also seek real blessings.

Scripture(s): James 1:12-18

I. The first truth about the trial of sin that we need to understand so that we may truly live blessed before God is sin and blessings do not come from the same _____. We are prone to thoughtlessly look _____ to find someone to blame for the bad things in our life.

James 4:1-2 1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. 1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

✓ Identify what in _____ leads you away from trusting God's ways when struggles come.

II. The second truth about the trial of sin that we need to understand so that we may truly live blessed before God is the progression of _____. Sin is not a surprise because sin comes from seeds we have planted in _____.

Psalms 7:12-16 12 If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready. 13 He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons; He makes His arrows fiery shafts. 14 Behold, he travails with wickedness, And he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood. 15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out, And has fallen into the hole which he made. 16 His mischief will return upon his own head,

✓ Break the cycle of sin by _____ your wants that are disconnected from Jesus.

III. The truth about the trial of sin that we need to understand so that we may truly live blessed before God is _____ gives that which is perfect. Truly good things only come from _____.

Romans 8:29-31 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Romans 8:19-21 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

✓ Do not settle for the junk food of spiritual _____ when God offers that which is truly good.

Remember this - Blessing comes to God's people as we reject _____ pleasure and pursue lasting happiness in Jesus and His way.

Whole life application: Seek the best that God has for you, and identify where you are tempted to take _____.

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"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore
Thee" 7

"Before the Throne of God
Above"

"Jesus Name Above All
Names"

* Pastoral Prayer &
Children's Sermon *

"Great is the Lord" 12