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PART THREE
II SAM 11:12; PS. 32

THOUGHTS: THE BATTLE IS IN THE MIND

THERE IS NOTHING MORE FRUSTRATING THAN ATTACKING A CHALLENGE THE WRONG WAY. WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD AT SOMETHING AND IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO WORK OUT, THE FEELING OF HELPLESSNESS IS OVERWHELMING!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE DO WHEN WE TRY TO ATTACK IMMORALITY WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE BATTLE BEGINS AND ENDS IN THE MIND. NO ONE HAS EVER ACTED ON SOMETHING THAT THEY DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IN ADVANCE, EVEN IF IT WAS IMMEDIATELY IN ADVANCE.

IF WE ARE EVER GOING TO DEFEAT IMMORALITY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CLAIM THE GRACE OF CHRIST TO LIVE PURE IN OUR MINDS. BECAUSE IMPURE THINKING IS THE FUEL OF ALL IMMORALITY, YOU MUST SURRENDER YOUR THOUGHT LIFE TO JESUS.

- I. **IMPURE THOUGHTS BEGIN WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF AWAY FROM THE WILL OF GOD (11:1).**
- II. **IMPURE THOUGHTS CONTINUE WHEN THEY LEAD YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR OWN LUSTS (11:11-12)**
 - A. **THOUGHT LEADS TO ACTION (11:2-5).**
 - B. **ACTION LEADS TO MORE ACTION (11:b-27).**
 - C. **MORE ACTION LEADS TO DEVASTATION (12:1-22).**
- III. **IMPURE THOUGHTS CONCLUDE WHEN YOU FACE AN OFFER OF GOD'S GRACE (PSALM 32).**
 - A. **REJECT GOD'S GRACE AND YOU WILL WASTE AWAY (V. 3-4).**
 - B. **ACCEPT GOD'S GRACE AND YOU WILL BE RESTORED (V. 5).**

SO, HOW DO WE PRACTICALLY ACCEPT GOD'S GRACE?

- **SET BOUNDARIES (PROVERBS 4:23).**
- **FILL YOUR MIND WITH PURE THOUGHTS (PHIL. 4:8).**
- **MAKE A CONTRACT WITH YOUR EYES (JOB 31:1).**
- **CLEAR OUT LUST'S POISON.**

FURTHER MEDITATION AND STUDY

THE BIBLE HAS MUCH TO SAY ABOUT YOUR THOUGHT LIFE! BELOW ARE JUST A FEW VERSES THAT MAY HELP YOU AS YOU SEEK TO CLAIM THE GRACE OF CHRIST TO LIVE PURE IN YOUR MIND. LOOK THEM UP AND CLAIM THEM THIS WEEK!

MATTHEW 15:19-20
MATTHEW 5:27-28
PROVERBS 4:23
PSALM 119:37
ROMANS 12:2
PHILIPPIANS 4:8
II CORINTHIANS 10:5
JOB 31:1