

Series: Core Faith

Message: Strengthening Inside & Out October 25, 2015

Strengthening the Inside

It is not a sin to be tempted; it is a sin to give into temptation.
Genesis 3; Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15

Don't blame God, others, or the bait.
James 1:13-15; 1 John 2:15-16; Romans 7:19-24; 1 Corinthians 10:13

When tempted, run.
James 1:2-4; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Proverbs 26:11; Proverbs 22:3

Failure is not final.
Romans 7:24-25; 1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13

Strengthening the Outside

Clean out the crud.
James 1:21; Romans 1:18-32; Proverbs 4:18; 2 Peter 1:3-11

Humbly receive God's Word.
James 1:21; Isaiah 55:8-9; Proverbs 1:7 & 3:5-7

Do what it says.
James 1:22; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:11; 1 John 2:3-5; Luke 11:28

Take your obedience to a deeper level.
James 1:23-25; Joshua 1:7-8; Philippians 3:12-16; Matthew 11:28-30

Life Group Questions

For week of October 25, 2015

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your live from the inside out!

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Going Deeper

None of us want to be known as the person who's blowing it. Realizing that we are giving in to temptation can be quite humbling and frightening to admit. What hope and incentive do the following verses give us when this occurs?

Proverbs 18:12

Isaiah 57:15

Hebrews 4:14-16

James 4:6

We often fall into sin because we don't understand how subtle temptation is. It takes us through a series of small compromises and/or unwise decisions until we are enticed into sinning. So if we want to avoid temptation or stand up to it when it comes, we need to be prepared. How could the following passages help prepare you to deal with any temptations that may come your way?

Galatians 6:7-10

Romans 6:12-13

Hebrews 2:17-18

The Bible plays an important role in being blessed. The following passages all deal with the positive impact the Bible can have on our lives when we are responsive to it. Read the passages and make a list of all the benefits of being receptive to God's Word.

Psalms 1:1-3

Psalms 19:7-11

Psalms 119:97-104

Which of these benefits have you experienced in your life?

Which of these benefits of interacting with and obeying the Bible is most motivational to you?

What changes could you make to experience even more of these benefits?

James, the back-story:

Author: James, the brother of Jesus.

The recipients: The scattered Jews.

Circumstance: Time of persecution for the Christ follower.

Theme: How to live out your faith.

Prayer Requests:

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