

Spiritual Care Message:

IMAGINATION RUN AMOK!

Contemplating evil is the power of our imagination by the enemy of our soul. It is our response to the temptation of Satan who will pursue beyond that temporary activity until we walk into the evil we are contemplating. Much evil in the lives of human beings results from this self agreeing beginning. Evil begins in our thoughts, our minds. It is connected to the Bible declaring that “As a man thinks in his heart, so is He.” (Prov. 23:7) Our imaginations are fueled by our thoughts. We may be unable to prevent a thought from entering into our minds, but we are able to take action against allowing it to dwell, develop and advance. As we followers of Christ move away from a close walk with Jesus, setting aside our prayer times, our time with Him, not serving Him or others, we will find ourselves in a weakened spiritual condition; the enemy who is working with us uses this weakening strategy while during this time he powerfully and pointedly ushers in the contemplation of evil with our personal imaginations as he moves the clingers into our space. It is not long after we close out communion with our Lord, we may find ourselves involved in sin, even in deep, deep sin, because we have been set up for it by the enemy of our souls.

So what I listen to and read and what I watch is critical in importance. The personal avenue into my mind, then into my life, is the pathway into my imagination and then my plans.

Closely connected with this is our disobedience to publicly speak of our Lord Jesus. How quickly we find ourselves ready to ‘rehearse our hurts’, but how slow we are to ‘tell what great things God has done for us’. While witnessing affects the kingdom of darkness and arouses enemy activity against us, it also strengthens our stand, our beliefs, and our position in God’s war between good and evil in our world. This strengthening is boldly identifying with Christ, Him being in us and results in our being renewed day by day. When God says to speak and share, and we do not do it, we are setting ourselves up for the relentless work of Satan to bring us down...and after that often into sins of the imagination, sins we never would have dreamed possible.

“Choose whom this day you will serve” (Joshua 24:15) is our Biblical injunction; stand in that position and when the Holy Spirit prompts, speak for Christ. It is a statement to the world around us, including the enemy, and to our own beings that we are His and He is ours, and **we are on our way Home, walking with a powerful Captain, Jesus.**

Spiritual Care Message With Prayer

With Prayer:

Father, as our creator, you have given us that wonderful gift of imagination to be used for your purposes. Please help me to recognize when the enemy of my soul has settled down into its avenues with evil intentions and grant that the Holy Spirit gives me the strength and power I need to move into the embrace of your holy life for my protection and that of others. Amen.

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