

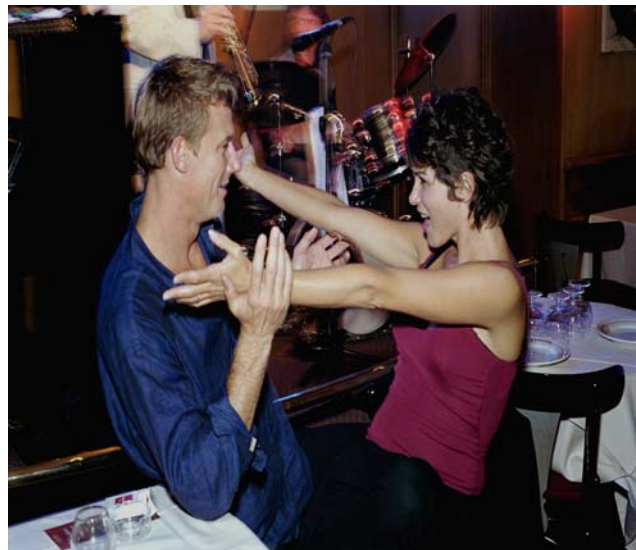
Men's Wednesday Night Study

January 28, 2009

Resist The Devil

Study No.10

This is the last study for the month of January. I hope that the three studies prior have had an impact on how we think on a daily basis. With this study we are going to look at how we can resist the devil. I think that first we need to see, and know what the devil looks like. I know that when we talk about the devil we automatically see a red guy with horns on his head, a long red tail with a pitch fork. Is that really the devil? Could the following pictures be considered the devil or are they just a part of everyday life?



Some of the activities that are seen in the pictures above depict acts that are very common in every day behaviors. People are out to have a good time and to enjoy the moment. People have also been told to live like there is no tomorrow. The character of a born again believer is to bore ones life as an ambassador for Christ. There are many things that were can look at. Why are we here on earth? What are we here to do. We were placed in this earth to represented him, (God) we were sent by him, (God) and entrusted by him to spread the Gospel. God gives us all qualities that every day people can not understand. We were given the commission to preach the word of God. We were furnished by God with qualifications; such as knowledge and faithfulness wisdom and prudence, courage and greatness of mind. Our main focus is to do the business of God. We can settle for what feels good, or for the thing that gives satisfaction, or gratification. These thing are short lived and the out come usually has a down fall.

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Each day that we go out, we are to put ourselves in connection or contact with God first. Focus on what he (God) wants us to do. This does not mean that we will not have temptation. This means, when temptation arises, we are ready to face it with Christ at our side. We will be able to go through the situation, and overcome.

The following scripture helps us understand what we are to do.

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty strength.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the devil's strategies.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against a human opponent, but against rulers, against authorities, against cosmic powers in the darkness around us, against evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realm.

Eph 6:13 For this reason, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to take a stand in that evil day. And when you have done everything you could, you will be able to stand firm.

Eph 6:14 Stand firm, therefore, having fastened the belt of truth around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Eph 6:15 and having put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

Eph 6:16 In addition to all of these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to put out all the flaming arrows of the evil one,

Eph 6:17 also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Eph 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times with every kind of prayer and request there is. For the same reason be alert with every kind of effort and request for all the saints.

Eph 6:19 Pray also for me, so that, when I open my mouth, the right words will be given to me. Then I will boldly make known the secret of the gospel,

Remember that there is no way to know what we are going to go through in our daily walk. We have to remember to be first submissive to the will of God. Then second we must obey. We must remember that the pleasures of this world have no assurance.

Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but continually be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God's will is-what is proper, pleasing, and perfect.

Following the advice in the mentioned passage above gives us the essential elements to succeed and to have a meaningful life.

Phillipians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Christ may appear any moment:

Matthew 24:44 So you, too, must be ready, because at an hour you are not expecting him the Son of Man will come."

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