

# "Living Holy Lives in an Unholy World"

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. <sup>11</sup>And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. - Romans 13:8-14

"Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. – Hebrews 12:13

1) Give no place to the devil.

Neither give place to the devil. – Ephesians 4:27 KJV

↪ We must close off all "entry points" for the devil.

↪ The word "place" literally means a specific, marked off geographical location.

QUESTION: Where can Satan get a foothold in our lives?

ANSWER: Relationships.

↪ If our relationships are out of order, it will affect every other area of our lives.

↪ How can we open the door to Satan in our relationships?

- Refuse to let go of old hurts and wounds.
- Refuse to acknowledge your mistakes.
- Refuse to forgive.

- Refuse to stop judging others for their wrongs.
- Refuse to say, "I am sorry."
- Refuse to lay down your "rights".

→ Remind yourself of the times people forgave you.

2) Remain alert.

↪ Paul tells us to wake up from our slumber.

↪ Sin puts us to sleep and causes us to be spiritually dull.

↪ Paul clearly spells out what the sins of darkness are.

What is sexual immorality?

KJV uses the word "chambering" literally bed or co-habitation.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. – Hebrews 13:4

↪ The marriage bed should be "honored" by all and kept pure.

↪ What makes the marriage bed impure?

↪ The Bible describes all sexual activity outside of marriage by using the Greek word "porneia".

↪ Pornography refers to the writings or reflections about prostitution.

↪ This means that anyone who meditates on the writings or the photography contained in pornography is the same as committing mental prostitution.

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. – Matthew 5:28

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. – I Corinthians 6:18-20