

Victory Over Lust of the Eyes.

Msg#2542b A Satanic Stronghold – Pornography

What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

There are five powerful vices, wine, women, weed, drugs and gambling (www.dg). A vice-grip is a stronghold and these five addictions make for Satanic strongholds on lives, even “Christians” get in their grip; but Christ can set one free (John 8). Society advances all five of these Satanic vices but one, through pornography, has established a Satanic stronghold even in lives of professing Christians; it's epidemic. Pornography will quench one's “*walk in the Spirit*” (Gal.5:16), it's foreign to righteousness and called “*fornication*”, “*For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, **fornications**, murders*” (Mrk.7:21,Eph.5:3,1Thes.4:3-5), it's the “*lust of the eye*” condemned by Christ (Matt.5:28), the “*evil imagination of the thoughts of the heart*” (Gen.6:5,8:21), that men do “*in the dark, in the chambers of his imagery, saying the Lord seeth not*” (Ezek.8:12). For a Christian viewing pornography, the “*seeing and hearing*” will “*vex his righteous soul*”, as it did to Lot (2Pet.2:8). Solomon's obsession with women says of it “*the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing*” (Eccl.1:8). Those given over to vile affections and reprobate minds exploit sexual sins to produce pornography, depraved consumers “*have pleasure in them that do them*” (Rom.1:26,28,32). It is vile, it is fornication. If viewing pornography is the stronghold of Satan parked in a secluded corner of your heart, confess it, repent, make a covenant with your eyes (Job.31:1), and pull down that stronghold of Satan with instruction of 2Corinthians 10:4-6 and Philippians 4:8. Get a “mind renewal” or you'll be “conformed to this world” (Rom.12:2).

War against smut in your life, on your phone or laptop, and in the dark resources of your heart. Be accountable with devices. Pornography, *neither be partaker of other men's sins*; employ sanctification NOT fornication, “*Keep thyself pure*” (1Tim.5:22, 1Thes.4:3-5).

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See A Bridge to Recovery for Addictions www.GSBaptistChurch.com/b2r

Recovery Assignment 1: Get a notebook write out verbatim from an Authorized King James Bible these 14 key verses to being born-again-saved: John 3:16,17,18, 36, 5:24, Romans 3:10,23, 5:8,12,18, 6:23, 10:9,10,13.

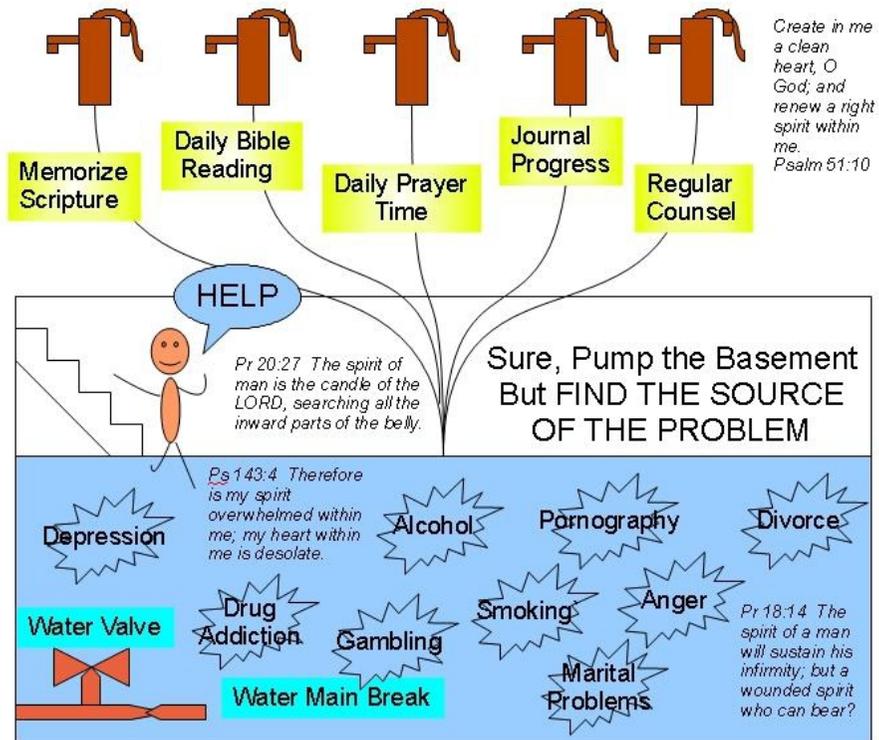
Now Think, and write out in complete sentences answers to these three questions: “What does a person need saved from?”, “How does one get saved from it?”, and “When was it that I was saved from it?”

Pertinent Scriptures on defeating LUST for one's Memorization

- KEY: John.8:32,34,36, And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ... Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ... If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*
- 1Tim.5:22 ... **neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.***
- Mat.6:24,33 **No man can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. ... 33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;** and all these things shall be added unto you.*
- Mark.7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, **fornications,** murders.*
- Eph 5:3 **But fornication,** and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints.*
- 1Thes.4:3-5 **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:** That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; **Not in the lust of concupiscence** (lust-irregular desire for sexual pleasure), even as the Gentiles which know not God.*
- John.8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and **the lusts of your father ye will do.** ...*
- Rom.1:26,28,32 For this cause God gave them up unto **vile affections:** for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ... And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to **a reprobate mind,** to do those things which are not convenient; ... Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but **have pleasure in them that do them.***
- Matt.5:27-28 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That **whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her** hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*
- Gen.6:5,8:21b And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts** of his heart was only evil continually. ... **for the imagination of man's heart is evil** from his youth;*
- Eze 8:12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man **in the chambers of his imagery?** for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.*
- 2Pet.2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, **in seeing and hearing,** vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)*
- Ecc1.1:8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: **the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.***
- 2Cor.10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to **the pulling down of strong holds;**) **Casting down imaginations,** and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to **revenge all disobedience,** when your obedience is fulfilled.*
- Phil.4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, **whatsoever things are pure,** whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.***
- Gal.5:16 ... **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.***
- Job 31:1 I made **a covenant with mine eyes;** why then should I think upon a maid?*

Reformation, It's NOT the Method, It's the Relationship!

Everything done in a faith based recovery program is to establish, repair, grow and enhance your relationship to God through his Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and it does it with God's Holy Word, the Holy Bible. That is the whole POWER of a faith based recovery! (See below GSBaptistChurch.com/b2r Bridge03 Slide06)



Five Things a New Convert (or an old convert) Should do.

- 1) Keep Reading the Bible.** Daily, with a pencil and open notebook.
- 2) Keep Talking to God.** A Daily prayer life, talking to God about everything.
- 3) Tell Someone What Happened to you.** Be a minister of reconciliation, and Ambassador for Christ (2Cor.5:17-21).
- 4) Join with Other Believers.** Church = called out gathered together believers
- 5) Public Baptism, ...** tell the world. Be in obedience to Christ's Commands

Recovery Assignment 2: Get a notebook, this week write out verbatim from an Authorized King James Bible the “Key” and at least four of the “Pertinent Scriptures for Memorization.” Next week write out the next four, and continue until all sixteen verses are legibly written. Continue as needed for additional weeks until God's word is well hid in your heart. Also Revenge all disobedience with additional writings.

Pulling Down Satan's Strongholds 2Cor.10:4-6

Put this on a 3x5 card, and read it daily for 30 days to memorize it's verses,

Five Elements of a Victorious Walk

1. Genuine Repentance (Psalm 51:2-4). See sin as an affront to a holy God not just a remorse over the consequences. *“Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight.”*

2. Taking back ground (Eph 4:22-23,27). Ground is given by sinful acts. This gives Satan legal jurisdiction in our lives. *“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;... Neither give place to the devil.”*

3. Tearing down strongholds (2Cor 10:3-6). These are false belief systems that provide the enemy an area to bring in destructive attacks. *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”*

4. Build towers of Truth (Joh 8:32). These towers are a belief system based on the truth of God's Word: *“And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”*

5. Taking every thought captive (Phil 4:8). This is God's standard for right thinking. If you do not take your thoughts captive, they will captivate you. *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*

My besetting Sin – Lust of the Eyes – My Stronghold Verse

1Cor.6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Recovery Assignment 3: Get a notebook and write out by hand the “Pulling Down Satan's Strongholds” Steps and Scriptures, and the Stronghold Verse, *1Cor.6:19-20* . Whenever you slip back into your addiction, revenge your disobedience by rewriting a block of verses from Assignment 2. See 12 Bridge-To-Recovery Lessons found at:

GSBaptistChurch.com/b2r/ Contact Pastor Rice for a free copy of this worksheet and prayer.