

Sermon Notes

Bad Company - 1Cor 15:33

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I. Introduction

I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame you. Brad Stine

- a. who or what controls your life... almost 80% of people blame others for their own choices and behaviors which leads to negative emotions... what does the bible say...
Prov 4:23... "guard your heart... it determines the course of your life..."
* NKJV... "keep your heart... out of it spring the issues of life..."
* TPT... "guard the affections of your heart... they affect everything that you are..."
* NIV... "above all else, guard your heart... everything you do flows from it..."
Prov 23:7... "as a man thinks in his heart... so is he..."
Gal 6:5-8... "we are each responsible for our own conduct..."
James 4:17... "it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it..."
- b. no one else controls your actions... you are responsible and accountable for what you do... the results of life are not random... they flow from what your heart is exposed to...
Psa 1:1-3... "meditate on *Him* daily... prosper and succeed in whatever you do..."
Prov 1:32... "the simple turn away from Me... fools are destroyed by their own complacency..."
Matt 7... "path that leads to destruction... path that leads to life... everyone who hears My words and acts on them will be like a wise man... everyone who hears and doesn't act will be like a fool..."
Rom 6:23... "the wages of sin is death... the gift of God is life in Christ Jesus..."
Rom 8:6... "mindset of the flesh is death... mindset of the Spirit is life and peace..."

Exposure leads to thoughts. Thoughts lead to feelings. Feelings lead to actions.
Emotions are feelings on the inside, caused by pain or pleasure, to move you in a certain direction.

- c. can't control what I'm exposed to... can't help what I think, feel, or do... simply a lie... devil wants you to believe that... brings negative emotions to move you from God... so, what's the answer... can we be victorious over our thoughts, feelings, actions... pray...
2Tim 3:16... "all scripture is useful... to show us the path... to show us where we got off the path... to show us how to get back on the path... show us how to stay on the path..."

II. Bad Company

- a. exposure starts a chain reaction of thoughts, feelings, actions... either good or bad...
Rom 1:18-32... "suppress truth... as a result, their minds became dark and confused... trade truth for a lie... as a result, their lives became full of every kind of sin..."
Rom 5:1-5... "access by faith into grace... develop endurance which develops character... character which strengthens hope... hope does not disappoint because God's love is..."
2Pet 1:3-9... "add to your faith, goodness... add to goodness, knowledge... add to kindness, love..."
- b. negative emotions will come... how you deal with them is what's important...
Psa 119:145... "great peace have those who love your word... nothing offends them..."
Prov 12:25... "worry in the heart causes depression... a good word makes it glad..."
Prov 17:22... "a cheerful heart is good medicine... a broken spirit dries up the bones..."
John 14:27... "peace I leave with you... do not let your heart be troubled..."
James 1:2-8... "consider it great joy when troubles come... testing produces endurance... which allows us to be mature... doubter should not expect to receive anything..."

- c. very simple... prolonged exposure to the world leads to death... prolonged exposure to the Word leads to life... senses can lie, don't be moved by them... be moved by truth...
Gen 4:7... "sin is crouching at your door, eager to control... subdue it, be the master..."
Josh 24:15... "choose whom you will serve... as for my house, we will serve the Lord..."
2Cor 5:7... "we walk by faith... not by sight..."
Col 2:16-23... "don't handle, don't taste, don't touch... mere human teachings that seem wise because they require devotion, self-denial, discipline... but they provide no help in conquering sin..."
- d. to change your actions, must change how you feel... to change your feelings, must change how you think... to change your thoughts, must change what you're exposed to... bad company also has a dramatic effect on your thoughts, feelings, and actions...
Prov 23:7... "as a man thinks in his heart... so is he..."
Matt 6:21... "where your treasure is... there your heart will be also..."
1Cor 15:33... "don't be deceived... *bad company corrupts good morals* (habits/character)..."
- e. think for a minute... what's the treasure of your heart... what do you think about most... who are you hanging around... they will determine results of life and who you become...
Job 3:25... "thing I feared most has happened... what I dreaded has come true..."
Job 21:6... "when I think about it... I am terrified... my body trembles in horror..."
Psa 63:6-8... "when I think of You... I will rejoice... I will follow close to You..."
Psa 119:14-16... "I rejoice when I think about Your ways... I delight in Your word..."
Rom 3:9-17... "mouth is full of bitterness and cursing... destruction and misery follow..."
Gal 5:19-23... "follow man, result is wickedness... follow HS, result is love, joy, peace..."
Phil 4:4-9... "think about PERT PLAN... peace will guard your heart and mind..."
eiene... exemption from rage; security, safety, prosperity, health; fearing nothing from God...
Heb 12:15... "fall short of grace... root of bitterness springs up... causing trouble..."
- f. how do you know what you're thinking... what heart really believes... just listen...
Prov 18:21... "words kill, words give life... either poison or fruit... you choose..."
Luke 6:45... "out of the heart the mouth speaks..."
2Cor 4:8-18... "I believed, therefore I spoke... we also believe and therefore speak..."
- g. stop exposing yourself to the empty promises of the world... start exposing yourself to the great and precious promises of God... they lead to integrity, virtue, purity...
Matt 6:25-34... "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..."
Rom 1:16-17... "not ashamed of the Gospel... in it, God's righteousness is revealed..."
Rom 10:10... "believe with the heart... resulting in righteousness..."
1Cor 15:34... "awake to righteousness and sin not (wander from the path of God)..."
2Cor 5:17-21... "He became sin... we become the righteousness of God in Christ..."
dikaioyne... acceptable to God; integrity, virtue, purity; correct thinking, feeling, acting...
- h. are we forgiven... absolutely, but decisions always come with consequences... sin is always destructive... exposure determines results you get in life... either good or bad...
1Cor 6:12-20... "flee sexual immorality... sin against your own body..."
Heb 13:4... "marriage is to be held in honor... and the marriage bed kept pure..."
- i. is life what you want it to be... then ignore me... keep doing what you're doing... but if you want different results... maybe it's time to change some things... expose yourself to His word... start a chain reaction of Godly thoughts, feelings, actions... pray...
Job 4:8... "those who plant trouble and evil... will harvest the same..."
Prov 11:24... "give freely, become wealthy... be stingy, lose everything..."
Rom 12:2... "do not conform to the world... but be transformed by renewing your mind..."
2Cor 3:18... "gaze at goodness of God... be transformed into same image... by the HS..."
Gal 6:7... "don't be misled... you will always harvest what you plant..."