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12/17/15 - The Gospel, Salvation, & Sanctification - Part 29

Outline:

Falling Prey to Sin

There are few prey easier to "captivate" (aichmalotizo) than "weak women" (gunaikarion) (2Ti 3:6).

Self-Victimization (Wikipedia)

Self-victimization (or victim playing) is the fabrication of victimhood for a variety of reasons such to justify abuse of others, to manipulate others, a coping strategy or attention seeking.

"Self-Victimization - What It Looks Like" (outofthefog.net)

- A spouse, challenged over emptying the joint account, complains the other partner is neglecting their needs.
- A husband hits his wife and then, when confronted with his actions, complains that he is treated worse in other ways.
- A mother beats or neglects her children and diverts challenges about it by only discussing her own medical complaints.

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- A spouse is having an affair and claims the other partner drove them to it.
- A person spreads false accusations about physical or sexual abuse in the home.
- A thief caught red-handed tells stories about how they were abused as a child.

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- A narcissistic boss mistreats a subordinate and then claims the subordinate's behavior was hurting the company as justification.
- A teenager starts a fight with a sibling then complains about the resulting bruises.
- A young girl overdoses and then says she did it because nobody listens to her.

Self-Victims Remain "Young"

The problem with being from the "weak women" camp is that a person NEVER GROWS UP!!! It's often why those fed up with such antics can be heard exclaiming, "Grow up!!!"

Skirting Self-Responsibility

Don't you realize that Satan encourages self-victimization because it keeps you from glorifying God in time???

Skirting Self-Responsibility

Few things seem to debilitate the healing power of the Word more than self-

victimization. Sanctification is stunted for as long as a person continues to blame others for their own sins.

The Consequences of Sin

While every sin for the believer was paid for on the Cross, the consequences of sin (experientially realized in time) remain, sometimes for a lifetime on earth.

"Intoxication" (driving while texting)

- 5 seconds is the minimal amount of attention that a driver who texts takes away from the road. (@ 55mph, that's a football field traveled)
- Texting makes a crash up to 23 times more likely.
- Teens who text while driving spend 10% of the time outside their lane.
- 97% of teens agree that texting while driving is dangerous, yet 43% do it anyway.

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that texting while driving is currently responsible for approximately 1.6 million accidents every year - about 25% of all driving accidents.

Is Texting While Driving More Dangerous Than Drunk Driving?

The answer is yes. By a long-shot. Driving a vehicle while texting is six times more dangerous than driving while intoxicated, according to the NHTSA.

distracteddriveraccidents.com

It's Getting Worse

19% of drivers of all ages admit to surfing the web while driving.

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The Value of Discipline

There's a certain "understanding" that exists on the other side of discipline, something that discipline uniquely teaches us.

Evil From Without Is No Excuse

Just because the Bible makes us aware of the fact that evil exists abundantly outside of our "households" doesn't mean it's proposing that we make excuses for our own sins.

Evil From Without Is No Excuse

YOU choose to sin. A tempter cannot sin for you. A tempter also does not suffer the same consequences as the sinner, for the sin is different.

Mt 4:7

Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

Grace Precedes Sanctification

Grace is meant to be attractive to a believer, delivering a person up to a lifetime of gratitude. It is not meant to be a "crutch" for sin, nor an excuse, nor an "enabler".

Php 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.