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**Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place? He
who has clean hands and a pure heart, who
has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor
sworn deceitfully.**

Psalms 24:3-4

**“If you want to become a wealthy man,
the first step is being pure”.**

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DEDICATION:

To all the youth, young boys and girls, high school, campus students and working class people, who want to see the glory of God and be used of Him in our generation to serve His purposes.

To my dear wife and our dear children who will come thereafter.

APPRECIATION:

I appreciate my Pastors, Douglas and Elizabeth Kabuye, my mentors, for encouragement, wisdom, counsel and prayer.

I also appreciate Pastors Robert and Jessica Kayanja for 77 Days of Glory which has brought such an awakening and hunger for the things of God in our generation.

I appreciate my dear wife Scorah Nuwaha, whom is a true description of love. And my brother Esau who designed the cover of this book.

Above all I appreciate the Holy Spirit whose breath gives insight, wisdom and revelation in the Word of God.

FOREWORD:

This book is a must read to all youth. It contains the truth and life changing testimonies and you just sense a passion for the truth and purity as you read it.

I have known the author for years as my spiritual son and friend. I have watched him grow. He is a man passionate for the youths. He is a man of the Word and doesn't compromise concerning purity he was our youth and now our missions Pastor and God has used him to raise a generation on fire for God.

Do you hunger for deeper fellowship with the Holy Spirit and truth, are you tired of living a life of compromise, this book is the answer to take you deeper.

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SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

Man is made up of three entities that is Spirit, Soul and Body.

Spirit.

This is what was made in the image of God.

Genesis 1:26

God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

This is the part of man that can sense the presence or the touch of God.

Soul.

This part of man is made up of three faculties that is;

- a. Emotions: this is the faculty of feelings such as anger, happiness, fear etc

Ruth 3:7a CEV

After Boaz finished eating and was feeling happy, he went over and fell asleep near the pile of grain.

The above verse shows that happiness is a feeling.

- b. The mind: this is the faculty of thinking and makes man able to be aware of things.

1 Chronicles 17:2

Nathan replied to David, "Do whatever you have in mind, for God is with you"

That means David had been thinking about something that he wanted to be done. The mind processes man's responses and reactions.

Thought and mind can be used synonymously. Look in the following verse

Ecclesiastes 8:9 NLT

I have thought deeply about all that goes on here under the sun, where people have the power to hurt each other

NIV

All this I saw, as I applied my mind to everything done under the sun. there is a time when a man lords it over others to his own hurt.

- c. The will: this is the faculty of decision making. After man has felt and thought, decision follows.

Mathew 6:10 NKJV

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as [it is] in heaven.

This verse talks of the Father's will. There is no doing unless there is a decision made. In other words you could paraphrase that verse as "your kingdom come. Your decisions be done on earth as it is in heaven"

Body.

This is the physical earthly vessel that houses the soul and the spirit. God gave us a body because he put us in a physical world where we have to handle things physically such as walking, digging, drumming, singing and so on. ***Genesis 2:7 KJV***

And then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living soul.

God loves our bodies and treasures them and desires us to treasure them too. In the service of God, you can't avoid your body. Worshipping God in spirit and truth doesn't exclude the use of our bodies. Things like singing and lifting up of hands are done physically in body and yet so profound and encouraged in scriptures.

1 Timothy 2:8 AMP

I desire therefore that in every place men should pray, without anger or quarreling or resentment or doubt [in their minds], lifting up holy hands.

And;

Psalms 141:2 AMP

May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

Even Jesus needed his body so much while he was on earth serving his Father. The verse following shows that he opened his mouth and taught.

Matthew 5:2 AMP

The He (Jesus) opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

And so was Peter.

Acts 10:34 AMP

Then peter opened his mouth and said: "in truth I perceive that God shows no partiality..."

So, man is a spirit having a soul living in a body. When you get born again, it's your spirit that is changed not your soul or body.

2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

In the spirit, you became a brand-new species of being. Your spirit is totally new. There isn't an old sin nature left in you. But you have to renew your mind with the word of God to experience change in your mind and emotions.

Your spirit got saved, your soul gets saved (transformed) everyday as you commit yourself to the Word and then your body shall be saved when Christ returns, for our bodies shall be transformed and become like His.

IT BEGINS WITH DESIRE.

Desire means longing or craving or appetite for something. Desire can be good or bad. When it is bad, we call it lust. Lust in Greek is *epithumia* which means

- a. craving for what is forbidden
- b. longing for sensual gratification

The greatest cause of the rise of evil in today's world is not the devil because he has been there from the beginning. It is this evil desire so called lust that is giving birth to every wickedness seen on the face of the earth. Lust brings corruption or moral decay. Corruption in any form is in the world because of lust.

2 Peter 1:4 ERV

Whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Lust is not of God but of the world and of course born of the god of this world, the devil.

1 John 2:16 NKJV

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life- is not of the Father but is of the world.

So, this means the moment you are lustful, God is not there in whatever you are planning to do.

God through His word commands to flee these lusts.

2 Timothy 2:22 NKJV

Flee also youthful lusts, but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Why? Because the destruction of man will begin with this evil desire if not dealt with. This evil desire (lust) will give birth to sin and sin will lead to death for the wages of sin is death.

Romans 6:23 NKJV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The dominant and prevailing lusts in our generation are;

a. Lust for money

This love of money will give birth to every kind of evil

1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Lovers of money are selfish, proud, blasphemous, disobedient, unthankful and unholy and the love of God is not in them

Timothy 3:2 NKJV

For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ...

Even Pharisees loved money and scoffed at Jesus

Luke 16:14 NLT

The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, heard all this and scoffed at him (Jesus).

But the God encourages and commands us through His word to flee from the love of money and instead pursue righteousness

1 Timothy 6:11 NIV

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

b. Lust for sex

There is such a great desire for sex amongst the youth of today. This is because of the pressure that is exerted on the youth especially through media such as magazines, newspapers and the internet that feeds their

eyes with pornographic pictures and then the peer pressure. This bad company of peer pressure has corrupted good character in many youths.

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character".

It should cost us to make an agreement with our eyes not to look on these things that are evil like job one day made an agreement with his eyes.

Job 31:1 NIV

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman"

However, the word of God commands us to flee from youthful lusts and immorality.

1 Timothy 2:22 NKJV

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

These pressures, the so-called peer pressures have caused the youth to get engaged in sexual immorality but the word of God commands us to flee from it also.

1 Corinthians 6:18 NKJV

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

Watching pornographic pictures exaggerates the desire for sexual immorality and distorts the image of God in us.

ANXIETY

This is yet another big challenge to the youth today. This is especially when it comes to being anxious of what takes place behind the curtains of a bed room. Many have lost course because of this anxiety. It has birthed one of the most prevailing habits in our day, masturbation. This is so bad that when a person cannot get an opposite sex to satisfy their sexual desire, they end up doing this to bring themselves pleasure. It has both biological and spiritual impact on one's life.

Biologically, scientists say someone so much involved in masturbation will fail to function well when in marriage. For biological reasons; save yourself at least from this for your marriage's sake.

And of course spiritually, it brings shame, instability, guilt and condemnation. The devil uses it to kill freedom in the lives of children of God.

I was once there, I never liked it truth be told. However I did not know what would bring me freedom. What made it worse is that I kept quiet about it, thinking people would laugh at me or even think ill of me. It tormented me until I discovered the fruit of the Spirit called patience. I discovered I didn't have to do all things at that particular time. And as time went on, I became calm and by the time I realized this habit was no more. Refuse to be anxious about anything especially sex. Everything under the sun has its own designated time and season. Wait for your time, don't rush and don't run ahead of God. God is very faithful, reliable and dependable. He will fulfill everything in its own time. Sex is divine, God knows we like it but please **WAIT** for your time. Maintain the image of God.

The only way we can keep in the image of God is by continuously beholding the word of God.

2 Corinthians 3:18 AMP

And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

Simple steps that you can do to overcome these two major lusts.

1. Devote yourself to prayer and fasting. Fasting is very important in a life of a Christian because it weakens the flesh as the spirit becomes stronger and stronger. The flesh in its weak state cannot lust.
2. Devote yourself to the reading of the Word of God. The Bible is not for pastors and preachers only, but all children of God. Always read it with a ready mind. Don't read the Bible to criticize but read it to learn.
3. Join yourself to a group of people, I can call this company. A people who have a passion for the things of God. People who love prayer and the Word. They will affect you in a positive way. Walk with them, open your life to them. There are addictions which are very hard to overcome until you confess them. Addictions such as masturbation, drinking, fornication; confessing such addictions to your praying friends is the beginning of your miracle.
4. Get a Spirit filled church that teaches the Word, which you will be committed to. Don't move from one church to another. Stay in one place and learn and allow yourself to grow in the Lord. Don't allow the spirit of *nomadic pastoralism* to find you in church. Get settled in one Spirit filled church where they teach the Word, God will find you there.

5. Get a pastor or mentor in your life. Let them walk with you the walk of your life. Give them an opportunity to teach you, rebuke you, correct you and counsel you. Am so sure you will not regret.

The two desires in man have two origins and that is;

- a. His spirit; this desire is good because man's spirit was made in the image of God. And the spirit especially when you are born again will always want to go back to God even as it desires. So, this desire will have to go through the mind, the feeling, the will and then the body will perform. One day Jesus had a feeling and it was a good feeling. For he felt sorry;

Mathew 20:34 NLT

Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Instantly they could see! Then they followed him.

- b. The soul. It begins as a thought, it creates a feeling and before you know it, a decision is made and then the body will do or perform in the direction of the decision made.

However, if you have a renewed mind, you have been transformed by the word of God continuously, a time comes and your mind gives birth to godly desires.

Romans 12:2 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

God grants such desires especially when you are delighting in the Lord and His word.

Psalms 37:4 NLT

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.

The renewed mind is one which has continuously been subjected to the word of God.

Ephesians 4:23 NKJV

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ...

The Spirit versus the carnal mind.

The carnal mind is what the Bible refers to as the flesh. It's full of reasoning and it's not subjected to the word of God and always at war with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:17 NKJV

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

The flesh is the platform of every evil desires which produce works and practices such as;

Sexual immorality, Impurity (contamination or uncleanness), Lustful pleasures, Idolatry (worship of idols), Sorcery, Hostility, Quarreling, Jealousy, Outbursts of anger, Selfish ambition, Dissension (opposition, disagreement or discord), Division, Envy, Drunkenness, Wild parties And such as these

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and such as these

This carnal mind is an enemy of God.

Romans 8:7 NKJV

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

People full of such practices cannot inherit the kingdom of God. What is the kingdom of God?

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

So, we are required to;

- a. Have a right standing with God (Righteousness)
- b. Be at peace with
 - i. Ourselves
 - ii. Neighbors
 - iii. God
- c. Be full of joy.

To have the above, we need to refocus our gaze from the things we desire but instead desire God and His righteousness.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Not because we don't need clothes, food, money, housing and so on. God knows that we surely need them and He takes care of us.

Mathew 6:32

For after all these things the gentiles seek. For your heavenly father knows that you need all these things.

After all

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

We can only overcome the flesh by walking in the Spirit and that is by doing what the word of God says. For the Spirit responds to the word of God.

Galatians 5:16

I say then: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

THE HEART IS THE BANK

Two organs of our bodies feed the heart, which are the eyes and the ears. They are gate ways to the heart. That's why it's important to note that in our Christian walk we can't ignore our bodies like some have chosen to do.

The fullness of the man's heart is dependent of his ears and eyes. And out of this fullness, man speaks, walks and lives. The way people speak, walk and live is a full expression of their hearts. Whether people live in fear or by faith, the root cause was in what they heard, saw or both.

1 Samuel 17:4-7 NKJV

And the champion went out from the camp of the philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield – bearer went before him.

The challenge was there well described and the Israelites saw

1 Samuel 17:11 NKJV

When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

You see, Saul and the Israelites first saw and then they became dismayed and greatly afraid. Before they saw, everything seemed normal.

You can't think about anything you have never seen or heard. Our lives are sometimes troubled because of the evil things we set our eyes and ears to which end up tormenting us.

A time came to pass in my life, I was born again but I started taking life for granted, watched pornography and those naked pictures. There was a

place where this evil seed was sown into my life. Sometimes you will call it “old people’s talk” but its evil and the devil himself. And slowly by slowly it took a hold of my life. I tell you my brother, my sister, it became a longtime struggle in my life. Those things getting off my mind took months for me to be restored to a right tone of mind. The church I attended, my pastor and God, all of them no one had a problem. The problem was that I set my eyes and ears on things that were not right. That was my problem. Thank God for the company of brothers I had that is, Frank, Shylock and Gerald and above all my pastor whom I had just connected to. If it wasn’t them, I would have gone beyond this. And who knows where I would have ended. It had become too much that every person I met in a skirt I would immediately start figuring out if she would be the partner I had been looking for, for marriage. Or sometimes I would meet girls well-dressed but for me I would undress them in my mind because of what I had set my eyes on. That wasn’t the will of God but bondage called Lust. But when I made up mind to quit such life and went back to the word of God, now am living a victorious and happy life. Hallelujah!

Job 31:1 NIV

“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman”

Like Job made a covenant with his eyes, you can also do the same. Purpose never to see or hear any evil stuff. This is possible. You see, evil things will corrupt you and good things will lighten up your countenance. There are many good things in the world to look at rather evil. Let’s appreciate the good in the creation of God.

Genesis 45:27 KJV

And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

Jacob revived after hearing the good news that Joseph was still alive and when he saw the wagons that he had sent him. Do you want revival in your life; purpose to look at encouraging, holy and pure things of life.

HOW CAN WE PLEASE GOD?

We can only please God when we live by faith.

Hebrews 11:6 KJV

But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Where does this faith come from?

Romans 10:17 KJV

So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

But even this faith is deposited in our hearts by hearing and hearing the word of God. This statement means that hearing the word of God is not a one-time experience. Its instead an ongoing continuous experience. It should be the life we live. I know there are people with attitudes such as, "why do you go to church every Sunday?" but this is what I have to say from my own experience, make it a habit to always go to church and if possible whenever service is on, whether evening, mid-week or Sunday service. And then hear the word of God, since faith comes by "hearing and hearing the Word of God". And also, be a reader of your bible. Make the bible your companion.

And at other times the devil will lie to you by causing you to hear only. You will say to yourself; after all I never saw anything but only heard. But the truth is, hearing has enough effect as seeing. Even God himself knows that hearing has such a great effect that one day He used it against the enemies of Israel.

2 Kings 7:6 KJV

For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, a noise of horses, [even] the noise of a great host: and they said to one another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. Wherefore they rose and fled in twilight, and their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it [was], and fled for their life

This is such an amazing experience. God put to flight the enemies of Israel not by sword or bows and arrows but only by means of hearing. This shows how great hearing can be.

Look at a blind man who just heard.

Mark 10:47 KJV

And when he [Bartimaeus] heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, [thou] son of David, have mercy on me.

When the blind man only heard that Jesus was passing by, he got faith and cried out to Jesus and at the end of the day, he received his sight. Only hearing remains a great contribution on the progress of our lives.

If a blind man by means of hearing got his miracle, by hearing wrong things you can get your life destroyed. Be careful.

GUARD YOUR HEART

The Bible admonishes us to guard our hearts.

Proverbs 4:23 NKJV

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

You can only guard your heart by regulating on what you hear and see. As long as what you hear and see is still beyond your control, then just know guarding your heart is still a dream. What do I mean? Purpose to listen to Christian music, the word and Christian talk. Desist from profane language, obscene talk and secular music and videos. And then before you know it, the state of your heart will change.

1 Timothy 4:7 WEB

But refuse profane and old wives' fables. Exercise yourself toward godliness.

Remember, what you hear and see is banked in your heart and then finally, out of the abundance of your heart, the mouth speaks. For your mouth to speak godliness, you must teach your ears and eyes to exercise godliness. Like an athlete or footballer puts in time to do exercise, you must put in time to exercise godliness.

Luke 6:45 NLT

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Your heart is the bank. You can't speak what you never heard or saw. Is your heart going to be a treasure of good or bad? Whatever of the two you will choose, I promise you, your mouth will speak.

THREE LEVELS OF PRACTICE OF SIN

We practice sin in three ways, that is, through thoughts, speech and deeds. But all these have their origin from what you saw or heard. So, what you saw or heard was stored in your heart and gave birth to thoughts. Thoughts graduated into words (speech) and finally produced deeds.

However, the Lord commands us through his Word to avoid speaking wickedness. Refuse to speak wickedly. In the first place, you are not a wicked man then why do you allow yourself to speak wickedly.

Isaiah 58:9 NKJV

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I [am]' "if you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,"

The lord hates speaking wickedness, you must hate it too, if you love Him.

In biology, the heart is the centre of life because it pumps blood to all parts of the body. This also applies to our spiritual lives because physical things tell us of spiritual things.

Proverbs 4:23 NKJV

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it [spring] the issues of life.

This kind of life that flows through all the parts of your body will begin from your eyes.

Matthew 6:22 NKJV

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great [is] that darkness!

Don't allow darkness to consume your lamp. Let the light of the word of God keep shining in your eyes. Do this by beholding continuously in the Word of God.

James 1:25 NKJV

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues [in it,] and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

And then surely it shall not depart from your mouth, because it will have filled your eyes, ears and heart.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

THIS Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and you will have good success.

WHAT CAUSES US TO SEE AND HEAR EVIL.

a. Being in wrong places.

2 Samuel 11:1-2 NKJV

It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out [to battle,] that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman [Bathsheba] bathing, and the woman [was] very beautiful to behold.

It was a time when kings go to battle, then what was David the king doing at home? If David was in the battle, he wouldn't have seen a naked bathing Bathsheba. Where do you hang out from? which hours of the day do you go out? If these two questions can be answered, then you have started a journey of being pure.

But you know what, sometimes that whatsapp message keeps on pulling you and before you know it, you are in a wrong place. Please, hate evil and everything that resembles evil

b. Hanging out with wrong people.

1 Corinthians 15:33 AMP

Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character.

Choose friends carefully that you will hang out with if you truly treasure your life. Its always a saying until you experience it, that bad company corrupts good character.

SEXUAL SIN, THE FELLOWSHIP BREAKER

The bible says that our bodies are members of the body of Christ. In other words, we are in one fellowship with Him.

1 Corinthians 6:15 AMP

Do you not see and know that your bodies are members (bodily parts) of Christ (the Messiah)? Am I therefore to take the parts of Christ and make [them] parts of a prostitute? Never! Never!

However, when you engage in sexual immorality, you are breaking away from this wonderful fellowship and you enter fellowship with a prostitute. Imagine, stopping to being a part of Christ and you be a part of a prostitute. What a deprivation! It's leaving a place of honor, glory and grace and you enter yourself in dishonor, shame and disgrace.

1 Corinthians 6:16 AMP

Or do you not know and realize that when a man joins himself to prostitute, he becomes one body with her? The two, it is written, shall become one flesh.

A prostitute is any woman indulging in unlawful sexual intercourse, whether for gain or for lust. And the Bible equates this to idolatry; the worship of idols.

Colossians 3:5 NKJV

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Sexual immorality is that bad. It diverts the worship which should be for the Lord to just a prostitute. God doesn't want to worship other gods but him. He hates it. He wants all the glory and the attention.

Exodus 34:14 NKJV

(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name [is] jealous, [is] a jealous God)

God is a jealous God. I know many may call this going back to the law. But if you look at it from a place of your relationship with your Father in heaven, you will hate other gods with passion. The Lord commands us through His word to flee, not to bind but to flee from idolatry and sexual immorality.

1 Corinthians 6:18 NKJV

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body

And also

1 Corinthians 10:14 NKJV

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry

Sexual immorality is so bad that it brings such condemnation, guilt and shame. Why? Because it is done against your own body and it leaves such lasting marks. And with all this, it's very hard to lift up your hands and worship God. Sexual immorality is one of the devil's greatest weapons to divert God's worship. In fact, sexual immorality will make the presence of the devil real in your life. We must resist the devil.

James 4:7 NKJV

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you

We must not give him a place nor any opportunity in our lives.

Ephesians 4:27 AMP

Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him]

BUT ALSO,

Sexual immorality will not only divert your worship but it will ruin your precious life

Proverbs 6:26 AMP

For on account of a harlot a man is brought to a piece of bread, and the adulteress stalks and snares [as with a hook] the precious life [of a man]

It is so bad that it will cause every form of instability to man. It causes you to lose vision and focus of where you are going. And by the way, it doesn't satisfy. The only thing that I know that satisfies is the word of God, the very presence of God.

Isaiah 55:1 NIV

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare."

Sex is divine. Its God ordained. But it's should remain in the boundaries of marriage. No wonder, the bible doesn't say for this reason a boy shall be joined to his girl. But it says, for this reason, a man shall be joined to his wife. Sex isn't a boy-girl issue but a man woman in marriage issue.

Genesis 2:24NIV

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

SEXUAL SIN IN THE BIBLE DAYS.

It is very absurd to note that sexual sin brought down men who were very great, of reputation and highly anointed in their generations on the whole face of the earth. You could not talk about greatness and you exclude those men. They had a distinction and they always came out of the crowd. They were respected and held in high esteem but sexual sin did not leave them standing. That's how bad and strong when you yield to it. Let's look at them in brief;

Samson

This man was called by God before he was born. I could even he was born anointed. A man God had separated for himself to use in that generation. He could do anything, extraordinarily strong beyond control of anything on earth. But sexual sin brought him down. It revealed the secret of his strength to his enemies and at the end of it all, his eyes were removed.

Judges 16:4-6 NIV

Sometime later, Samson fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "see if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver". So Delilah said to Samson, "tell

me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued”

Child of God, once you are under control of the power of a woman (sexual sin), even when you are asked how you can be overcome, you will tell. Sexual sin blinds our eyes that we cannot see tomorrow neither can we be conscious of our security any longer. It had blinded Samson so much that he had forgotten the PURPOSE of God upon his life, and he was now busy in company with prostitutes. Do you still know and are conscious of God's purposes and calling upon your life? If not, what is blinding you?

Solomon

He was a king and a son of a king. He was the wealthiest and wisest person in his generation. He knew all birds and animals. He had attained such a level in life that nobody else could compare with him. He told of great proverbs and many people and kings learnt from him. He had all the money he wanted, and in his generation, silver and gold were like ordinary stones in his city. But sexual sin brought him to his down fall.

Kings 11:3 NIV

Solomon had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray.

1 Kings 11:6

So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.

If there is anyone turning your heart from following the Lord, that person is not from God. Separate yourself from such a person.

The sons of Eli (Hophni and Phinehas)

If it was our generation, Hophni and Phinehas you would say, they were sons to a pastor. These 'guys' slept with women, moreover women who were serving at the entrance of the temple of that day.

Samuel 2:22 NIV

Now Eli who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

Perhaps you could call those women ushers in the language of our day. It was so bad that the sons of the priest were doing this sin in the compound of the house of God. Has it happened to you that you come to church just for the reasons of meeting your girl friend not God? If so, you are also under such category. It is too bad in the eyes of God. Because of this

sexual sin, a curse was pronounced on the house of Eli and guess what! Samuel replaced and became the prophet of that day. What belonged to Hophni and Phinehas was all taken by Samuel because he was a pure servant of God.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Paul says, "I discipline my body".

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 NLT

So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

So, my dear brother and sister, discipline your body everyday and do not give it an opportunity to disqualify you.

WHATS THE WILL OF GOD

That we abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 4:3 NKJV

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

If you have already fallen in sexual immorality, God requires us to repent.

Revelations 2:21 NKJV

And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

The grace is there, and God is waiting on you to repent. He is patient, He is not slow but patient. **2 Peter 3:9 NIV**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

And then flee;

1 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body

And do not keep company; do not associate with the sexual immoral people.

1 Corinthians 5:9 NIV

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people –

"Friend, sexual immorality is a fellowship breaker. The guilt that follows our acts of rebellion against God's standards of holiness creates a gap between us and God. It is therefore worth noting that a life of sexual purity helps us bond more with Christ and we remain the best of friends".

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THE REAL DEAL

Our bodies are not sexual objects but Temples of the Holy Spirit. And by the way, we don't own these bodies. God owns our bodies, we are just care takers.

1 Corinthians 6:19 NIV

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

And we should know that this Holy Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously for our bodies. He doesn't like it when we become friends with the world.

James 4:4-5 NKJV

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

That's why God requires us to separate ourselves from the contact of contaminating and corrupting influences of sexual immorality, and we present ourselves vessels of honor to Him.

2 Timothy 2:21 AMP

So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart and useful for honorable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work

THE INBORN NATURE

Gold in its natural mineral form almost always has traces of silver, and may also contain traces of copper and iron. A gold nugget is usually 70 to 95 percent gold, and the remainder mostly silver. The color of pure gold is bright golden yellow, but the greater the silver content, the whiter its color is. Much of the gold mined is actually from gold ore rather than actual gold specimens. The ore is often brown, iron-stained rock or massive white quartz, and usually contains only minute traces of gold. To extract the gold, the ore is crushed, then the gold is separated from the ore by various methods.

The first person to commit murder was Cain when he killed his brother Abel.

Genesis 4:8 NKJV

Now Cain talked with Abel his brother, and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

My question here is, on which television channel did Cain watch how to kill or on which media platform did he read it? Even if media was there, no one else had done it before. So, who taught Cain how to murder?

This brings me an understanding, that from the time of the fall of Adam man acquired a fallen nature. This nature is automatic to you as long as you are born of a man and a woman. Evil is natural to man. Whether you look innocent or not, as long you are not yet born again, the sin nature is in you.

Romans 3:23 NKJV

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

This verse generalizes, whether old or young, educated or uneducated, male or female, white or black. There is no one who is an exceptional. And moreover, the imaginations of man are evil continually from childhood.

Genesis 8:21 NLT

And the Lord was pleased with the aroma of sacrifice and said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. ..."

No one teaches the other sin. We are born sinners.

Psalms 51:5 NLT

For I was born a sinner – yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

Gold can be made pure, but it's never mined pure. No one is born pure. There is always the nature of sin in man even at the time of birth. This nature can cause us to think evil, speak evil and ultimately do evil. This means that no one is excused from the word of God. All of us need the word God and we need God.

There are two Spirits, God and the devil. You have to belong to one of them; you are either of God or of the devil. You can't be of both. When you get born again, you are given right to become a child of God. As we get born again, we denounce the devil, his works and wickedness. We are translated from his kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, the kingdom of God's dear son.

John 1:12 NKJV

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

This means, before you got born again, you were of the devil. You were leaving in deception in the centre of darkness. Darkness is not of God, but it's of the devil.

John 8:44 NKJV

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a

lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

It is this evil spirit, called the devil that causes man to err. He makes man think, speak and do evil. It's the grace of God that saved us and made us live, otherwise we were once children of disobedience [the devil]

Ephesians 2:1 – 3

And you [He made alive,] who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But thanks be to God for Jesus, for when we get born again, we become new creations. This old nature of sin is gone, and the new nature of God comes in us.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Thank God, you may not have murdered before or stolen or abused. But as long as you are not yet born again, you are not of God. You need a savior and there is no excuse on that. Jesus came for people like you, hallelujah.

IF SO, WHAT'S THE ANSWER

Acts 20:32 NKJV

" So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

We know that worlds were framed by the word of God, of what we see and don't see. God has given us His word every day of our lives. When you cry out to God, He sends you His word and snatches you from the door of death.

Psalms 107:20 NLT

He sent out his word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death.

All things will perish and pass away but His Word will remain forever.

1 Peter 1:24 NLT

As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. But the word of the Lord remains forever". And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

Isaiah 40:8 NLT

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.

This Word which endures has the ability to cause us also to endure.

Let the word of God become a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Psalms 119:105 NIV

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

We can only stay on the path of purity by living according to the Word of God, and conforming our lives to it.

Psalms 119:9NIV

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

Psalms 119:9 AMP

How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed and keeping watch [on himself] according to your word [conforming his life to it].

The word of God has the power to clean us. Disciples, only sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to His word were made clean.

John 15:3 NKJV

You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

But if we are to bear fruit; fruit that will remain then we must abide in the Word. And without the word, we can't do anything.

John 15:4 – 5 NKJV

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing.

This word must dwell in us richly. And we should learn to put our focus on things above where Christ dwells

Colossians 3:16 NKJV

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

It came to pass in my life, when I delighted in my smart phone so much that I could forget anything else but not my phone. I had such a strong addiction towards my phone that whether in a lecture room or even in

church while my pastor would be preaching that my hand would easily locate where my phone was. It distracted me so much, that the time I should have given to my bible was now replaced by that phone. When you would call, you would be sure that I will pick you at any time no matter whom am talking to or what am doing. I had reduced my life to just a mobile phone. I would miss having offertory money in church but not money for airtime. The phone seemed as if it's the one I lived for. All this came to an end when this smart phone fell in a pit latrine. Deep in my heart I knew God was saving me from this addiction. God had to use a hard way to deliver me and yet there is a simple way of just falling in love with His word. Don't wait to reach the state I was, love God now and delight in his word like never before. Thanks be to God, that am now living a victorious and happy life. The word of God has given me the satisfaction which that smart phone couldn't give.

Refuse to be deceived by the things on earth. Don't allow them to make your love for God grow cold. Focus on the realities of heaven. Let these realities become part of your life. Sing them, talk them, walk them and live them. That is our portion in this life.

Colossians 3:1 – 2 NLT

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

Do all you can, the grace of God is there to understand, believe and put in practice the word of God. Then this word will make you bear much fruit.

Matthew 13:8 NKJV

But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty

Meditate on the word, delight in it, give yourself entirely to it.

Psalms 1:2 NKJV

But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD, and in his law, he meditates day and night.

Psalms 119:148 NKJV

My eyes are awake through the [night] watches, that I may meditate on your word.

And finally;

Philippians 4:8 NKJV

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things [are] noble, whatever things [are] just, whatever things [are] pure, whatever things [are] lovely, whatever things [are] of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.

For who can see God? It's the pure in heart that shall see God.

Mathew 5:8 NKJV

Blessed [are] the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

All this is after answering this million-dollar question.

Psalms 24:3 NKJV

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

And the answer is,

Psalms 24:4 NKJV

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

I believe this book has been a blessing to you, and possibly you want to get born again or recommit your life to our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Please with faith, believe and pray this prayer with me.

Dear heavenly Father, I give you my life in the name of Jesus who shed His blood for me on the cross of Calvary. Wash me, cleanse me and fill me with your Spirit. Sweet Holy Spirit,

***please fill my life and make me a vessel of honor. I promise by your
Grace to live for you the rest of my life in Jesus name, Amen.***

If you have prayed this prayer believing in the saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, congratulations! You are now born again. Get a church where you can always fellowship from that you may grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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