

1 Corinthians 6:16-18a

*Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." **But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality.***

How can one joined to the Lord be trapped by sexual perversion? Only by not believing/trusting/committing/obeying the Lord. Those of us who have been so entrapped have escaped only by totally trusting in the Holy Spirit to extract us from our sin.

I can desire to flee but the power to do so comes from the Lord. It is an ongoing battle; Satan is a master of the sneak attack, frequently blindsiding his victims. But the Lord stands with us, providing that two-handed Sword of Psalm 149:6 to fight off temptation.

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Tuesday, 14 July 2015

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

*Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

Here's the promise--He will not allow a temptation that is beyond my ability to resist through the escape hatch He provides. Another one of those thunderous "**TRUST ME**" pronouncements. I cave in because I am not listening for that quiet voice saying, "Hang in there, I'm with you. I will never leave you or forsake you."

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Wednesday, 15 July 2015

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 [1]

**So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**

Everybody has heard the phrase, "He's so heavenly minded, he's no earthly good." Wrong! We are to be heavenly minded so that we can be earthly good. We are to look to heaven through God's Word so that we can address the ills of the world.

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Thursday, 16 July 2015

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 [2]

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*Hard as it seems at times, we are to keep our focus on the Eternal. It is a matter of trust. If I am faithful in my dependence upon God, I am relying upon the unseen and not considering the promises and blandishments of the world.*

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Friday, 17 July 2015

1 Corinthians 10:31

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

Here's that pesky "all" again. And not just a matter of

how I feed my body, but whatever I do? Nothing reserved or excluded. Well, I understand church stuff, but my job? My family? My neighborhood? Look, there's that really nasty old coot that lives across the street and hollers at my kids. Isn't it my responsibility as a father to take their part and holler back at him? What do you mean that I ought to take him a plate of those cookies my wife baked? Yeah, I know You said that whatever I do, do it for Your Glory, but...?

Hmm, seems to be a principle here. If I can't do it for Your Glory, then I should not be doing it. OK, Got it, I need a regular reminder of 1Corinthians 10:12-13

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*Saturday, 18 July 2015*  
*1 Corinthians 13:13*

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

*Matthew 20:26-28*

*It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Our Lord came to serve us in self-sacrificial love; we must do the same as we demonstrate love of neighbor.

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*Lord's Day, 19 July 2015*

*Psalms 119:164*

*Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules.*

Seven for completeness. Let the praise of the Lord be ever in my mouth. My goal! But only through You and by You. Bless me, Lord.

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