



SOUL WARFARE

GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT THE SINS ON THE INSIDE
1 PETER 2:11

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Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. (ESV)

1. Pay _____ (v.11b)

2. Maintain _____ (v.11c)

3. Look _____ (v.11a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Mark 7:21-23**. How does this reminder from Jesus serve to adjust the way you view your Christian life and your pursuit of godliness?
2. Read **Colossians 3:1-8**. Why is it helpful to know that becoming a Christian and one day "appearing with him in glory" does not exempt us from currently having to battle the sinful desires that still reside within?
3. Read **Ephesians 5:3-10** and **James 1:14-15**. How can it be helpful to consider God's just and righteous hatred of sin, and that the unforgiven will be punished for their sin, when we are battling our temptations?
4. Read **Proverbs 13:20; 27:6, 17**. What kind of excuses do Christians make to justify their companionship with fools and their reluctance to truly invest in more godly friendships?
5. Read **Romans 8:29-30** and **Philippians 3:17-21**. Why is a forward-looking sense of our final glorification helpful in enduring today's hard-fought battle with the internal pressures and passions to do what is sinful?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 16-33 – **Grieving Over the Sinfulness of Sin**
Msg. 13-11 – **Our Enticements & Christ's Sinlessness**
Msg. 13-12 – **Curbing Your Appetites**
Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**
Msg. 17-28 – **Right with God: Seeing Our Need**
Msg. 18-24 – **Pain & Temptation**
Msg. 12-18 – **Guilt & Forgiveness**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Nov. 5th.....Jer.40-42 & Heb.2
Nov. 6th.....Jer.43-45 & Heb.3
Nov. 7th.....Jer.46-48 & Heb.4
Nov. 8th.....Jer.49-50 & Heb.5
Nov. 9th.....Jer.51-52 & Heb.6
Nov. 10th.....Lam.1-2 & Heb.7
Nov. 11th.....Lam.3-5 & Heb.8
Nov. 12th.....Ezk.1-3 & Heb.9

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bunyan, John. **Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1986.
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Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.
Packer, J. I. and Mark Dever. **In My Place Condemned He Stood**. Crossway Books, 2008.
Reed, Gerard. **C. S. Lewis Explores Vice and Virtue**. Beacon Hill Press, 2001.
Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.
Ryle, J. C. **Regeneration: What It Means and Why It's Necessary**. Christian Focus, 2003.
Scroggie, W. Graham. **Tested by Temptation**. Pickering & Inglis Ltd., 1923.
Stedman, Ray C. **Spiritual Warfare: Winning the Daily Battle with Satan**. Reprint. Discovery House, 1999.
Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.