

Why Would You Oppose Yourself?

(2 Timothy 2:25 and Selected Scriptures)

Introduction:

2 Timothy 2:25 - *In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*

All sin is opposition to God. But did you ever realize, it is opposition to yourself as well?

Why would people oppose themselves?

1. Due to Ignorance (They don't realize the damaging effects of sin)
2. Due to Demonic Control (They are in many cases under the influence of evil spirit entities) **See: Mark 5:1-15**

What sins do people commit that bring immediate or eventual damage to themselves?

I. **Consuming Harmful Substances**

(Opposing your Temple – 1 Corinthians 6:19)

- **Cigarettes** (leading you to Cancer & Lung Disease)
- **Drugs** (leading you to Chemical Dependency & Poverty)
- **Alcohol** (leading you to Misery and Ruin in every way)
- **Gluttony** (leading you to Obesity, Diabetes, and Heart Failure)

II. **Entertaining Destructive Thoughts**

(Opposing your Soul - (1 Peter 2:11)

- **Lust** (leading you to perversion & obsession)
- **Anger** (leading to bitterness & vulnerable to Satanic attack)
- **Worry** (leading to Stress)

III. **Engaging in Illicit Sex**

(Opposing your Body – Romans 1:27)

- **Fornication** (leading to premarital sex)
- **Adultery** (leading to emotional turmoil & physical disease)
- **Homosexuality** (leading to confusion, disease & death)

IV. **Fighting your Relationships with Others**

(Opposing Needed Help, Mutual Assistance & Divine Blessing)

- **Children Fighting Parents** (leading to ruined quality & shortened quantity of life)
- **Spouses Fighting their Mates** (leading to unanswered prayer, divorce & family disintegration) *Ephesians 5:28-29*
- **People Fighting God** (leading to Eternal Separation from God in Hell)

*** The Biggest Abuse/Opposition to yourself is to reject God's Salvation**