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PureMen Bible Study – Session 15 – 4/1/09

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse (Romans Phil 4:8)

Session Title:

Dominated, Controlled, and Guided!



Q: What does it really mean to “walk in the Spirit?”

- “To walk in the Spirit means that a person’s life is dominated, controlled, and guided by the Holy Spirit.” - p. 226

Review Study Questions from Chapter Fourteen – *Walking in the Spirit*

- Question 1
- Question 2
 - ✓ The answer to conquering the lusts of the flesh is the Holy Spirit of God!
 - ✓ The believer is to walk in the *presence* and *power* of the Holy Spirit. It is the only conceivable way he can keep from fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.
 - ✓ Agree or disagree with the following statement: *In his own ability, no man has the power to control the lusts of the flesh. AGREE! Why?*
 - Galatians 5:17 “*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*”
 - The flesh fights for *dominance*. It lusts against the Spirit, struggles, and fights to *control the man*. Kind of like a constant tug-of-war. The truth is that our only hope to control the flesh is the Spirit of God.

- **Emulations** – jealousy, wanting and desiring to have what someone else has. My be material things, recognition, honor, position.
- **Wrath** – bursts of anger, indignation, a violent explosive temper.
- **Seditions** – division, rebellion, standing against others.
- **Heresies** – rejecting fundamental beliefs of God, Christ, the Scriptures, and the church; believing and holding to some teaching other than the truth.
- **Envy** – this word goes beyond jealousy – it is the spirit that wants not only things that another person has, but begrudges the fact that the person has them. They not only want those things taken away from the person, they want him to suffer through the loss of them.
- **Murders** – to kill, to take the life of another person.
- **Drunkenness** – taking drink or drugs to affect one’s senses for lust or pleasure; become tipsy or intoxicated; seeking to loosen moral restraint for bodily pleasure.
- **Revellings** – carousing, uncontrolled license, indulgence, and pleasure; taking part in wild parties or in drinking parties; lying around indulging in feeding of lusts of the flesh; orgies.

▪ Source: The Preachers Outline & Sermon Bible, Vol. II

p. 227 “A good gauge for a person to use to examine where he is spiritually is to examine his weakest point.”

▪ Question 6

- ✓ The key to walking in the Spirit is found in the words of Jesus...
- ✓ John 15:1-5 “*I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*”
 - Are you bearing fruit? If we are not, we will face severe judgment!
 - If you are bearing fruit, God will “prune” you! The purpose in this is to enable you to bear even more fruit! It is not meant to punish, or hurt, or damage you – but to enable you to be more fruitful.
- ✓ Q: Anyone want to share their “Plan of Action” for their prayer life?
- ✓ **Alternative Question** – Have someone describe their “typical” daily prayer time.
 - **Use of Prayer Journal**

▪ Question 7 & 8

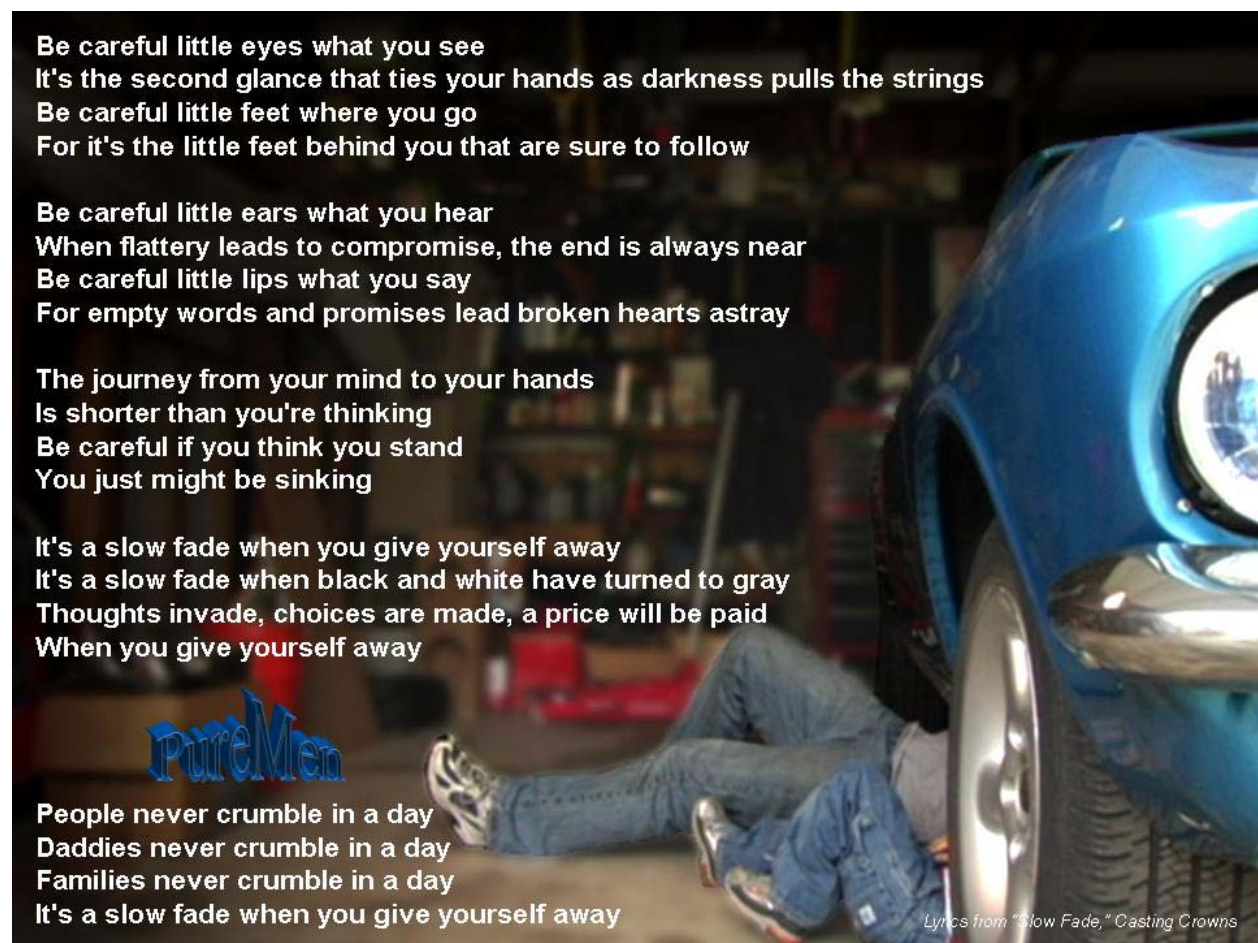
- What is the solution to the damage that has been caused? Sincere repentance and immersion into the Word of God.

- Question 10
 - Pg. 235

- Question 11
 - Develop a similar “plan” for bible “reading” (read, study, meditate, memorize, etc.) as was outlined for prayer.

If time, review Question 1,2 from Section: Personal Examination

Testimonies? Close in PRAYER!



Be careful little eyes what you see
 It's the second glance that ties your hands as darkness pulls the strings
 Be careful little feet where you go
 For it's the little feet behind you that are sure to follow

Be careful little ears what you hear
 When flattery leads to compromise, the end is always near
 Be careful little lips what you say
 For empty words and promises lead broken hearts astray

The journey from your mind to your hands
 Is shorter than you're thinking
 Be careful if you think you stand
 You just might be sinking

It's a slow fade when you give yourself away
 It's a slow fade when black and white have turned to gray
 Thoughts invade, choices are made, a price will be paid
 When you give yourself away

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People never crumble in a day
 Daddies never crumble in a day
 Families never crumble in a day
 It's a slow fade when you give yourself away

Lyrics from "Slow Fade," Casting Crowns