

Key scriptures:

- **Romans 6:13**
- **II Cor 7:1**
- **I Peter 1:16**

Introduction:

- HOW DO WE ATTRACT THE PRESENCE/ FAVOUR OF GOD INTO OUR LIVES?
- GOD IS HOLY (SEE REV 4:8), BUT WHAT ON EARTH DOES THE HOLINESS OF GOD HAVE TO DO WITH OUR EVERYDAY LIFE?
- THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN...
 - THERE IS NO BENEFIT FROM SIN:
 - SIN DAMAGES AND DESTROYS PEOPLE'S LIVES AND LEADS TO SPIRITUAL DEATH
 - SIN IS CHOCOLATE-COVERED VOMIT – LOOKS APPEALING ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT IS GROSS ON THE INSIDE
- THE HOLINESS OF GOD...
 - SUITS US
 - BENEFITS US
 - CORRESPONDS TO OUR TRUE, DEEPEST BEING

1. Holiness in the earth**A. Hands:****I. PSALM 22**

II. WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH OUR HANDS, THE SAME HANDS THAT WE USE TO WORSHIP GOD?

1. UNRIGHTEOUS ACTS?
2. SEXUAL IMPURITY?
3. THIEVING?

B. Feet:

I. WHERE ARE WE GOING AND WHO ARE WE SPENDING TIME WITH?

1. "EVERYTHING IS **permissible** FOR ME—BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS BENEFICIAL. EVERYTHING IS **permissible** FOR ME—BUT I WILL NOT BE MASTERED BY ANYTHING." (1 COR 6:12 NIV)
2. WHERE WE GO... IS IT BUILDING OR ERODING OUR FAITH?
3. SHOW ME YOUR FRIENDS AND I WILL SHOW YOU YOUR FUTURE...
 - A. I COR 15:33 "DO NOT BE DECEIVED: "BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD MORALS."
 - B. ECC 4:9FF "TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD RETURN FOR THEIR LABOR. FOR IF EITHER OF THEM FALLS, THE ONE WILL LIFT UP HIS COMPANION. BUT WOE TO THE ONE WHO FALLS WHEN THERE IS NOT ANOTHER TO LIFT HIM UP.FURTHERMORE, IF TWO LIE DOWN TOGETHER THEY KEEP WARM, BUT HOW CAN ONE BE WARM ALONE?"
 - C. "FAITHFUL ARE THE **wounds of a friend**,BUT DECEITFUL ARE THE KISSES OF AN ENEMY" (PROV 27:6)... FRIENDS ARE MEANT TO SHARPEN, BUILD UP AND ADD TO OUR FAITH, NOT DETRACT OR DISTRACT FROM THE FAITH

c. Eyes:

1. WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT AND WHAT ARE WE LETTING INTO OUR SOULS?
 - A. LUST
 - B. PORNOGRAPHY
 - C. MOVIES – THE WORLD’S STANDARDS NEED TO BE DIFFERENT TO OUR STANDARDS

2. WE NEED TO DISCIPLINE AND TRAIN OUR EYES

- A. " IF YOUR EYE CAUSES YOU TO STUMBLE, **pluck** IT OUT AND THROW IT FROM YOU IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER LIFE WITH ONE EYE, THAN TO HAVE TWO EYES AND BE CAST INTO THE FIERY HELL." (MATT 18:9)

D. **Ears** – WHAT WE LISTEN TO IS FEEDING INTO OUR SOULS/ SPIRITS...

1. WHAT ARE WE LISTENING TO?

- A. GOSSIP?

- B. MUSIC?

- I. WOULD WE INVITE SOME OF THESE MUSICIANS INTO OUR HOMES, OR TRUST THEM WITH OUR DAUGHTERS? IF NOT, THEN HOW CAN WE BE SATISFIED TO ALLOW THEM TO BE POURING WORDS INTO OUR CHILDREN'S EARS?

e. **Mouth...**

- 1. IF WE WERE TO GET A REVELATION OF THE POWER OF WORDS, THEN WE WOULD COUNT OUR WORDS MORE CAREFULLY (PROV 18:21; MATT 12:36-37; JAMES 3:5-10)

- A. ARE WE USING OUR TONGUES/ WORDS TO PULL PEOPLE DOWN, OR TO BUILD PEOPLE UP (EDIFY, ENCOURAGE ETC)?

F. **Head...**

- I. SEE II COR 10:5

1. THE ENEMY WARS AGAINST OUR MINDS AND THOUGHTS

- A. WE NEED TO RULE OVER OUR THOUGHTS, AND NOT BE SUBJECT TO OUR THOUGHTS (HELMET OF SALVATION... EPH 6:17)

- B. WE NEED TO RULE OVER OUR IMAGINATION, AND NOT ALLOW IT TO BE USED FOR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

- C. WHAT WE THINK IS INFORMED VERY MUCH BY WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR, AND BY WHAT WE MEDITATE ON

g. **Heart...**

- I. PROV 4:23

II. INTERNAL HONESTY AND INTEGRITY (PS 51:6)

III. ATTITUDES

1. HUMILITY
2. FORGIVENESS

2. Applications...

a. Temptation

- I. JESUS WAS TEMPTED IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY, AND YET REMAINED WITHOUT SIN (HEB 12:18)
- II. THE ENEMY KNOWS HOW TO TRICK, DECEIVE AND DAMAGE US THROUGH SIN... HE PRESENTS HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

b. Obedience

- I. JOHN 14:15

c. Repentance

- I. EPH 4:23-24; COL 3:10 – TAKE OFF THE OLD, AND PUT ON THE NEW (AN ACT OF THE WILL)
- II. THE “NEW SELF” IS THE TRUE SELF
- III. CONDEMNATION (WHICH LEADS TO GUILT) VS CONVICTION (WHICH LEADS TO REPENTANCE AND “GO-FORWARD”)