

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR OUR MINISTRY?

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PART 3: LIVING A HOLY LIFE

JOINING JESUS TO FIGHT THE DEVIL

Once you decide to join Jesus to destroy the works of the Devil, it is important to understand that you are going to attack the archenemy of God; Satan is not a little pussycat but a fierce warrior filled with an incomprehensible hate.

Revelation 12:7-17

This battle is not fought physically in the flesh but with spiritual weapons which are available to every born again believer in Christ! **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

THE COURTHOUSE IN HEAVEN

In order to survive this brutal war, it is not enough to just know about the courthouse in Heaven but you should have a "holy fear" of being accused there by the Devil and being turned over to him.

Job was a preacher and a righteous man. This put him on a collision course with the Devil and permission was granted by God for the Devil to strike Job. **Job 1:6-12**

The Devil couldn't break Job in the first round, so he went back to the courthouse and asked for permission to strike Job harder! **Job 2:1-10**

What gave Satan the legal right to attack Job? **FEAR! Job 3:25**

Fear is sin. **1 John 4:18**

Fear is distrusting God. **Hebrews 11:6**

Fear is faith in Satan! **Jeremiah 44:15-19**

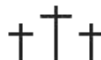
Every believer in Christ will be challenged in the courthouse by the Devil.
Luke 22:31-34; 1 Peter 5:8

HOW TO NOT BE DEFEATED

1. Guard your tongue. **James 3:1-16**

Foul language is unacceptable in the life of a Christian. It is sinful, condemned by God and can never be justified. Your words will give Satan the legal right to sift you as he instructs his emissaries to file a complaint against you at the courthouse in heaven. **Matthew 12:36-37**

It doesn't matter how angry you become, the "F" word and all other curse words are an abomination to God and can never be excused. If curse words



proceed out of your mouth, it is a dead give away that you have demons dwelling inside of you! **1 John 1:4-10**

2. Make sure that you are not sinning willfully. **Hebrews 10:26-31**
3. Stay close to Jesus. **John 15:1-11**
4. Make sure that the love of God flows through you. **John 15:12-17**
5. Put on the whole armor of God. **Ephesians 6:11-18**

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THE WORLD? James 4:1-4

A friend of the world is someone who:

- ❖ Enjoys secular movies and television programs.
- ❖ Likes to play cards or gamble.
- ❖ Uses Pharmacia including alcohol whether it is hard liquor, wine or beer.
- ❖ Smokes or chews tobacco products.
- ❖ Views pornography, masturbates and has sex outside of marriage.
- ❖ Is a liar and a thief.

Any Christian who is a friend of the world will be useless in the Kingdom of God and a liability for those who are warriors for Christ! Matthew 5:13

OTHER DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Any stimulant drug like caffeine which is found in coffee, green tea or special energy drinks is not compatible with the body and will damage it. Furthermore, caffeine is addictive and brings the person to dependency on it, rather than on God. Christians who need to be stimulated in order to function are deceiving themselves.
- ❖ Sexual enhancement drugs like Viagra, Cialis and Levitra are extremely harmful to the human body. Users are not driven by love but by lust and the desire to increase the pleasure in their sexual escapades.
- ❖ Most drugs prescribed by doctors have many side effects which will kill the user in the long run. Christians should read the warnings on the labels of the drug containers and take into account their cumulative effects.

BE YOU HOLY! 1 Peter 1:13-16

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?