

Sermon Title: "SPIRITUAL DISTANCING: A KEY TO JOYFUL LIVING!"

Sermon Text: Psalm 1:1-3

Introduction:

GOOD MORNING CHURCH! WELCOME TO FILIPINO BIBLE CHURCH! TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO START A NEW SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF PSALMS. I CALL THIS SERIES

"PONDERING ON THE PSALMS: FINDING MEANING & PURPOSE IN THE PANDEMIC!" I PRAY THIS SERIES WILL BLESS OUR HEARTS!

IN MY FIRST PASTORATE, I HAD A PRIVILEGE TO TO MINISTER FOR A MONTH TO JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP, THE FIRST CBAP CHURCH PLANTED OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES, IN HONG KONG, COMPOSED MAINLY OF FILIPINA DOMESTIC HELPERS. DURING THAT TIME, WE HEARD ABOUT A FILIPINA OFW IN SINGAPORE BECOMING A MILLIONAIRE BECAUSE SHE STANDS TO INHERIT MILLIONS OF PESOS AFTER HIS EMPLOYER INCLUDED HER IN HER WILL. THE QUESTION THAT CAME TO MIND AT THAT TIME IS THIS – IS SHE TRULY HAPPY OR BLESSED? WHAT IS REALLY THE TRUE MEASURE OF SUCCESS OR BEING HAPPY? IS THERE SUCH A THING AS A BLESSED OR TRULY HAPPY PERSON? TODAY, LET ME SUBMIT FROM THE WORD OF GOD THAT THERE IS SUCH A ONE – A TRULY HAPPY/JOYFUL PERSON. NOT A PERFECT PERSON BUT A HAPPY/JOYFUL PERSON.

LET US PRAY!!!

MAY I INVITE YOU NOW TO THE BOOK OF PSALMS AND WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT PSALM 1 WHICH SOME CALLS THE "PREFACE" OR "DOOR" OR THE "KEY" TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE WHOLE BOOK. THIS PSALM AS THE PREFACE SUMMARIZES THE TEACHINGS OF THE REST OF THE BOOK. THE GOAL OF THE PSALMIST IS TO TEACH US THE WAY TO TRUE BLESSEDNESS OR HAPPINESS. AND TO WARN US OF THE DANGER & DESTRUCTION OF THE WAY OF THE SINNERS. WE WILL EASILY OBSERVE THAT THE PSALM CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTION – VERSES 1-3 IS ABOUT THE WAY OF BLESSED/HAPPY PERSON & VERDSES 4-6 IS ABOUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED. IN OTHER

WORDS, IT CONTRAST THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS TO THE WAY OF THE WICKED.

FOR OUR MESSAGE TODAY, I WILL JUST BE FOCUSING ON VERSES 1-3, THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS OR THE BLESSED MAN. FROM THIS VERSES, WE ARE GOING TO ANSWER KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WAY OF TRUE HAPPINESS OR BLESSEDNESS!

A. WHO IS THE TRULY HAPPY/BLESSED PERSON?

LET US START BY ASKING THE QUESTION – WHO IS THE TRULY HAPPY/BLESSED PERSON? DAVID ANSWERS US IN VERSE 1.

1) *He who distances himself from sinful men!*

“How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers!” (v. 1)

ACCORDING TO THE DAVID, THE TRULY HAPPY PERSON DISTANCES HIMSELF FROM SINS. IN OTHER WORDS, HE AVOIDS SINS AND SINFUL MEN. LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE BIBLE DOES NOT TEACH US THAT WE, AS BELIEVERS, ARE TO SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM SINFUL MEN OR NOT TO MINGLE WITH SINNERS. THIS IS PHYSICALLY & SOCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE. BESIDES, THE PLAIN & SIMPLE REASON IS THAT – WE ARE ALL SINFUL PEOPLE! NOTICE THE GRADATION & DECEIT OF SIN – IT STARTS WITH WALKING, THEN STANDING, & FINALLY SITTING WITH SINNERS & SCOFFERS. WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES IS THAT SINCE WE ARE ALREADY BLOOD-WASHED BY THE LORD JESUS, WE ARE NOT TO IMITATE OR FOLLOW OTHER’S SINFUL WAYS & BEHAVIOR. INSTEAD, WE ARE TO IMITATE THE LORD JESUS HATES SIN BUT LOVE THE SINNERS & DESIRED THEIR SALVATION. THE APOSTLE PAUL GIVES US HIS INSIGHT ON THIS TRUTH. *“Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.” (1 Cor. 15: 33).*

2) *He who delights in God’s Word!*

“Instead, his delight is in the Lord’s instruction...” (v. 2a)

SECONDLY, ACCORDING TO DAVID, A TRULY HAPPY PERSON DELIGHTS IN GOD'S WORD. TO "DELIGHT," SAYS WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY, IS TO "TAKE PLEASURE" OR TO "GIVE JOY OR SATISFACTION TO." THEREFORE, TO DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD IS TO "TAKE PLEASURE IN THE WORD OF GOD." IT IS "TO GIVE KEEN ENJOYMENT TO THE WORD OF GOD." IN SIMPLE WORDS, IT MEANS TO ENJOY GOD'S WORD! TO DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD IS LIKE ENJOYING YOUR FAVORITE DESERT. IT IS LIKE DINNA ENJOYING HER ICE CREAM VERY MUCH. IT HAS AN ALLURING EFFECT ON YOU THAT YOU COULD NOT RESIST BUT EAT IT! DAVID EXPRESSED THIS IDEA IN OTHER PSALM.

"How sweet your word is to my taste—sweeter than honey in my mouth." (Psalm 119: 103)

NOW, THE QUESTION IS – HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE ARE DELIGHTING IN THE WORD? OR WHEN DO WE DELIGHT IN THE WORD? THIS LEADS US TO OUR SECOND POINT...

B. **WHEN** DO WE **DELIGHT** IN GOD'S WORD?

THE NEXT QUESTION WE ASK IS THIS – WHEN DO WE DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD? DAVID TEACHES US THAT WE DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD...

1) *When we **meditate** on God's Word!*

*"Instead, his delight is in the **Lord's instruction**, and he **meditates** on it day and night." (v. 2b)*

FIRST IS WHEN MEDITATE ON THE WORD OF GOD. TO "MEDITATE" IS TO "ENGAGE IN REFLECTION OR CONTEMPLATION." IT IS TO "ENGAGE IN MENTAL EXERCISE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REACHING A HEIGHTENED LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL AWARENESS." IT IS TO "PONDER" OR TO "FOCUS ONE'S THOUGHTS ON SOMETHING."

MEDITATION IS THE PICTURE OF A COW MASTICATING OR

RUMINATING –BRINGING UP PREVIOUSLY DIGESTED FOOD FOR RENEWED GRINDING & PREPARATION FOR ASSIMILATION.

2) When we model/practice our life on God's Word!

“This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.” (Joshua 1: 8)

NOW, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT DELIGHTING IN THE WORD DOES NOT JUST END IN MEDITATING ON THE WORD. JOSHUA TEACHES US THE END GOAL OF MEDITATING IN THE WORD IS OBEDIENCE! WE MEDITATE THE SCRIPTURES OR THE WORD BECAUSE WE DESIRE TO OBEY OR FULFILL WHAT IT SAYS. THAT'S EXACTLY THE IDEA BEHIND THE HEBREW ROOT WORD OF THIS TERM “MEDITATE” WHICH IS MASTICATE, THE PROCESS BY WHICH AN ANIMAL BREAKS DOWN ITS FOOD INTO PIECES & STORES IT WITH THE END GOAL OF EATING IT. WE READ & MEDITATE THE SCRIPTURES OR WORD IN ORDER TO DO WHAT IT SAYS.

THIS IS ALSO THE ESSENCE OF WHAT THE LORD WANTS US TO DO WITH HIS WORD IF WE LOVE HIM OR DELIGHT IN HIM.

“Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children...” (Deut. 6: 4-9)

“If you love me, you will keep/obey my commands.” (John 14: 15)

LOVING OBEDIENCE, THEREFORE IS THE ONLY TRUE PROOF OR EVIDENCE THAT WE, INDEED, DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD! THEREFORE, TO DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD IS TO MEDITATE ON IT WITH THE END GOAL OF OBEYING OR APLYING IT IN OUR DAILY LIVING!

C. WHY DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD?

NOW, THE NEXT IMPORTANT QUESTION IS THIS – WHY DELIGHT/OBEY THE WORD OF GOD! DAVID IN VERSE 3 GIVES US THE REASONS.

1) You will live a **fruitful** life!

*“He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that **bears its fruit in its season**, and **its leaf does not wither**. Whatever he does prospers.” (v. 3a)*

DAVID COMPARES THIS BLESSED PERSON TO A TREE THAT IS FRUITFUL! NOTE THAT IT IS PLANTED NEAR A STREAM OF WATER. NOW, WE UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT WATER IS TO A LIFE OF A PLANT OR TREE. IT IS ONE OF THOSE BASIC NECESSITY IN ORDER FOR A PLANT/TREE TO SURVIVE & TO GROW HEALTHY & FRUITFUL.

CHURCH/FRIENDS, THIS POINTS US TO THE TRUTH THAT THE WORD OF GOD WHEN MEDITATED & APPLIED IN OUR LIVES SUPPLIES US THE LIVING WATER THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO BE FRUITFUL BELIEVERS OF CHRIST. AND BY THIS, WE FULFILL WHAT THE LORD JESUS EXPECTS FROM US.

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me... **My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.**” (John 15: 5, 8)*

AS SHOWN BY THE SCRIPTURES, THIS FRUITFULNESS IN THE LORD IS SEEN BOTH IN OUR CHARACTER & SERVICE TO THE LORD OR THE **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (CHARACTER)** & THE **FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL MINISTRY (CONVERTS/DISCIPLES)**!

2) You will live a **prosperous** life!

*“**Instead, his delight is in the Lord’s instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.** He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. **Whatever he does prospers.**” (v. 3b)*

“This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.” (Joshua 1: 8)

AGAIN, GOING BACK TO JOSHUA 1:8, NOTE THE SIMILARITY OF THE PSALM 1: 3 TO JOSHUA 1: 8. THIS TELLS US THAT DAVID IS NOT JUST AN AVERAGE READER OF THE TORAH BUT A DILIGENT & PRAYERFUL STUDENT OF THE TORAH. THIS PSALM IS A PROOF THST DAVID WAS ABLE TO CAPTURE OF TRUTHFULNESS OF JOS. 1:8 WHEN THE LORD FULFILLED IT IN JOSHUA’S LIFE & NOW HE BELIEVES IT & APPROPRIATES IT FOR HIMSELF & SHARES IT TO GOD’S PEOPLE THRU THIS BOOK.

3) You will live a purified/sanctified life!

“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.” (John 15: 3)

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. I sanctify myself for them, so that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”
(John 17: 17-18)

BUT LET ME GIVE ANOTHER REASON WHY DELIGHT IN THE WORD? BECAUSE THIS BOOK, THIS WORD OF GOD WILL CLEANSE OR SANCTIFY OUR LIFE! LISTEN TO THIS STORY...

ILLUSTRATION: “A CLEAN COAL BASKET!”

An old man lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading his Bible. His grandson wanted to be just like him and tried to imitate him in every way he could. One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and replied, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring me back a basket of water." The boy did as he was told, but all the water leaked out before he got back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You'll have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again. This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got back to the house. The boy again dipped the basket into river and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!" "So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time realized that the basket was different. It had been transformed from a dirty old coal basket and was now clean, inside and out. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, you will be changed, inside and out. That is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives."

CHURCH/FRIENDS, THE WORD OF GOD CAN TRANSFORM OR CHANGE YOU & ME! IN FACT, THE WORD OF GOD SAYS THAT IT CAN MAKE US A NEW CREATION OF GOD! LISTEN TO WHAT THE APOSTLE PAUL SAYS HERE,

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!" (2 Cor. 5: 17)

IF THERE IS ONE HEARTWARMING & CONVINCING PROOF TODAY THAT THIS BOOK IS TRULY INSPIRED & DIVINE, THIS IS THE CHANGED LIVES OF THOSE WHO TRUSTED JESUS AS SAVIOR AND

OBEY THIS SCRIPTURE. THE DRUNKARD BECOMES SOBER; THE IMMORAL, PURE; THE ADDICTED, FREE; THE PROFANE, REVERENT; THE FEARFUL, COURAGEOUS; AND THE RUDE, KIND.

ILLUSTRATION: "CANNIBAL TURNED CHRISTIAN!"

I REMEMBER THE STORY OF AN AMERICAN SKEPTIC WAS VISITING AN ISLAND WHOSE NATIVES WERE ORIGINALLY CANNIBALS. WHEN HE SPOTTED AN OLD MAN READING THE BIBLE, HE RIDICULED HIM FOR READING A BOOK "FULL OF MYTHS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED." THE NATIVE SMILED AT HIM AND SAID, "MY FRIEND, BE GRATEFUL WE DO BELIEVE THIS BOOK. OTHERWISE, WE WOULD BE SERVING YOU FOR DINNER." THE BIBLE REALLY DOES CHANGE PEOPLE, AND THIS AMAZING FACT CONFIRMS ITS INSPIRATION.

D. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:

FINALLY, LET ME SHARE TWO PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS BASED ON OUR PASSAGE TODAY.

(1) SIN IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF ALL OUR UNHAPPINESS & THAT WHICH SEPARATES US FROM THE LORD, OUR TRUE JOY & LASTING HAPPINESS!

"The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves... So the Lord God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life. (Gen. 3: 23-24)

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned." (Rom. 5: 12)

NOW, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE LORD CREATED MAN FOR HIMSELF - TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP & ENJOY HIM FOREVER!

“For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified.” (Rom. 8: 29-30)

SO, WE HAVE THIS INHERENT DESIRE OR LONGING TO WORSHIP GOD BUT BECAUSE MAN CHOSE TO SIN AGAINST THE LORD, THIS INNATE OR INHERENT DESIRE OR LONGING TO WORSHIP WAS DISTORTED & DAMAGED BY SIN. AS TAUGHT BY THE PROPHET JEREMIAH, OUR HEART HAS SINFUL & DECEITFUL. AND THIS IS THE REASON FOR OUR TENDENCY TO SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS & FULFILMENT IN THE WRONG PLACES & THINGS INSTEAD OF RETURNING TO OUR TRUE HAPPINESS & JOY, THE LORD HIMSELF! AND WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SCRIPTURES & EXPERIENCE THAT THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD COULD NEVER GIVES US THE LASTING HAPPINESS THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

LIKE MAKING/TRACING A CIRCLE, WE HAVE TO RETURN TO THE POINT WHERE WE BEGAN/STARTED. THE LORD IS OUR STARTING POINT & ONLY IN HIM CAN WE TRULY FIND TRUE JOY & HAPPINESS!

“MAN WILL FOREVER BE RESTLESS UNTIL WE REST IN THE LORD GOD!” (SAINT AUGUSTINE)

“THERE IS A GOD-SHAPED VACUUM IN THE HEART OF EACH MAN WHICH CANNOT BE SATISFIED BY ANY CREATED THING BUT ONLY BY GOD THE CREATOR, MADE KNOWN THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!” (BLAISE PASCAL)

(2) THE WORD OF GOD IS THE LORD’S MEANS TO RECONCILE SINNERS TO HIMSELF & FOR THEM TO HAVE TRUE JOY & LASTING HAPPINESS!

“How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the

*wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers! **Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night...***". (vv. 1-3)

TAKE NOTE OF THE CENTRALITY OF THE LORD'S INSTRUCTION OR WORD IN THE LIFE OF ISRAEL & NOW IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH! THE LAW, THE PROPHETS & THE PSALMS WERE GIVEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH, WHO IS THE ETERNAL WORD OR THE SON OF GOD, THE SECOND PERSON IN THE GODHEAD! NOW, UNDERSTAND THAT SALVATION IS NOT JUST A RANDOM THOUGHT BY GOD BUT AN ETERNAL PLAN OF THE GODHEAD/TRINITY. SO WE HAVE THIS FAMOUS PASSAGE:

*"For God loved the world in this way: **He gave his one and only Son**, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3: 16)

THE LORD GAVE US THE LAW, THE PROPHETS, & THE PSALMS TO TEACH & PROPHECY ABOUT THE COMING OF THE SON OF GOD!

"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

BUT LET ME SHOW YOU NOW HOW OUR LORD JESUS REGARDED THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

*He said to them, "**This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.**" Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24: 44-45)*

BY PLACING THE BOOK OF PSALMS AT PAR WITH THE BOOK MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, THE LORD REGARDED THIS BOOK AS

A PRIMARY SOURCE OF TEACHING ABOUT GOD AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THE GOSPEL IN THE N.T. RECORDS TO US THE FULFILMENT OF THIS PROPHECIES ABOUT THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD. LISTEN TO WHAT JOHN TELLS US:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1: 1, 14)

THIS VALIDATES THE LAWS OF MOSES, THE PROPHETS, & THE PSALMS OR IN OTHER WORDS THE O.T. SCRIPTURES! THAT’S WHY PAUL WAS ABLE TO SAY THAT.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (3 Tim. 3: 16)

THEREFORE, HERE IS THE KEY TO OUR TRUE HAPPINESS OR BLESSEDNESS – THE WORD OF GOD! AND IT STARTS BY BELIEVING & RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD EVEN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IN OUR HEART! THE GOSPEL DECLARES THAT JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR, THE ONE WHO REDEEMED US FROM OUR SINS BY DYING ON THE CROSS & SHEDDING HIS BLOOD FOR OUR SINS & ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD, & WE MUST BE BELIEVED & RECEIVED IN OUR HEARTS. The LORD JESUS HIMSELF CONIED THIS AS BEING BORN AGAIN IN HIS TALK WITH NICODEMUS IN JOHN 3.

LISTEN TO THE APOSTLE PETER –

“Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth... love one another constantly, because you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. For ‘All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.’ (1 Peter 1: 22-25)

FRIEND, PERHAPS THE REASON THE WORD OF GOD HAS NO APPEAL TO YOU & YOU HAVE NO DESIRE TO KNOW IT OR EVEN READ IT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT YET BEEN BORN AGAIN; THAT IS BORN BY THE LIVING WORD OF GOD. IF THAT IS THE CASE I WANT YOU TO MAKE THIS VERY IMPORTANT DECISION OF YOUR LIFE – TO MAKE JESUS YOUR SAVIOR & LORD! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT, PLEASE PRAY WITH ME THIS PRAYER....

PRACTICAL POINTERS:

CHURCH/FRIENDS, OUR PASSAGE TODAY TEACHES US TO PRACTICE “SPIRITUAL DISTANCING”! HOW DO WE THIS?

(1) DISTANCE YOUR LIFE FROM A SINFUL LIFESTYLE!

THE ROOT CAUSE OF UNHAPPINESS IN OUR LIFE IS SIN & SINFUL LIVING THROUGH SINFUL ATTITUDES & HABITS. THEREFORE, LET US EXAMINE OUR HEART & SEE IF THERE ARE SINFUL HABITS & ATTITUDES, AS WELL AS SINS THAT WE ARE STILL DOING IN OUR LIFE OR BAD COMPANY THAT WE KEEP.

(2) DAILY DRAW NEAR TO THE LORD, & WASH OUR HEART!

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” (Jas. 4: 8)

DEVELOP THE HABIT OF DAILY PRAYER & MEDITATION OF THE WORD & CONFESSING OUR SINS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER!

(3) TAKE A DAILY DOSE OF THE WORD & PRAYER!

(4) ALWAYS PUT ON YOUR NEW MAN!

“But that is not how you came to know Christ, assuming you heard about him and were taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus, to take off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, the one created according to God’s likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.” (Eph. 4: 20-24)

**CHURCH/FRIENDS, LET US LIVE OUT THE LIFE THE LORD HAS
DESIGNED FOR US TO LIVE – A LIFE OF DELIGHTING IN HIS WORD!
A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE & HOLINESS AND YOU WILL BE SURPRISED
THAT YOU WILL BE MUCH MUCH MORE HAPPIER & CONTENT THAN
BEFORE!**