

Man's Depravity

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You have placed a boxed pizza on the coffee table and told your child not to touch it. They walk toward the pizza and point their finger at the pizza box with their finger tip 3 inches away from the box. As they hold their finger in that position they look you right in the eye and squint. What is going on? Where is that coming from?

What you are seeing is the fundamental nature of the depraved human heart.

Depravity: *the quality or state of being corrupt, evil, perverted, or distorted*

We were born with it and from the very first day of our life it stains everything about us – our mind, our will, and our emotions. As a result our thinking is twisted, our desires are inappropriate, and our feelings are distorted.

“As the salt flavors every drop in the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature. It is so sadly there, so abundantly there, that if you cannot detect it, you are deceived” – Charles H. Spurgeon

Romans 3:10-12 & 18

as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; 11 There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; 12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.”

¹⁸ **“THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”**

There is no one who is righteous, no one who understands, no one who seeks God, no one who fears God. The religions of the world are often described as people doing their best to seek God but falling short. This is not true. They are not seeking God – they are going their own way – trying to make God in their own image.

Romans 1:18-21

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

The depraved human heart does not seek spiritual truth but instead suppresses it. The depraved heart knows God exists but refuses to honor Him or give Him thanks. Instead of listening to and obeying God, man's depravity draws him toward darkness, foolishness, and futility in his thinking, his decision-making, and his feelings.

Romans 1:28-32

And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

How twisted and distorted is that? To know that certain practices are worthy of death and yet give hearty approval and encouragement to people who do them! That's depravity. We are not born as innocent babies, morally neutral until stained by the world. We are born with a depraved sin nature imputed to us from Adam.

Impute: *to lay the responsibility or blame for something on someone; to credit or ascribe something to a person or a cause; attribute*

Romans 5:18-19

So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. 19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

As a result we sin because that is our nature.

(Psalm 51:5)

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Psalm 58:3

The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.

Job 15:16

How much less one who is detestable and corrupt, Man, who drinks iniquity like water!

Sin comes as naturally to us as drinking a cup of water. Do we have to plan ahead in order to covet? Lust? Envy? Get Angry? No. It comes naturally. But we have to plan to do good, and exercise self-control, because doing good does not come naturally to us.

"The idea of total in total depravity doesn't mean that all human beings are as wicked as they can possibly be. It means that the fall was so serious that it affects the whole person. The fallenness that captures and grips our human nature affects our bodies; that's why we become ill and die. It affects our minds and our thinking; we still have the capacity to think, but the Bible says the mind has become darkened and weakened. The will of man is no longer in its pristine state of moral power. The will, according to the New Testament, is now in bondage. We are enslaved to the evil impulses and desires of our hearts. The body, the mind, the will, the spirit—indeed, the whole person—have been infected by the power of sin." - R.C. Sproul

Sin Kills, Resulting In Death

Ezekiel 18:4

Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

We were in Adam at the time Adam sinned so his spiritual death passed to us. As a result we were born spiritually dead. Physical death is the evidence of spiritual death. We die physically, not because we commit personal sins but because we were born spiritually dead.

Ephesians 2:1-5

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Man's natural state is complete spiritual deadness, his life dominated by the lusts of the flesh and the desires of his depraved flesh and mind.

Ephesians 2:12

remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

We had no hope and were living life on our own, without God.

Romans 5:6

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

There was nothing we could do about it. We were helpless.

Colossians 2:13

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions

We were dead. And dead men can't respond to God. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead what part did Lazarus play in that? Nothing. His only role was to be dead. In the same way our part of salvation to eternal life is to be dead because of our sin. That's it.

We didn't seek God. Instead God sent out "fishers of men" to go get us because dead men don't seek Him.

Matthew 4:19

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Do fish seek out fishermen? No. Fishermen seek fish.

The Consequences of Depravity

1) Eternal Destruction

II Thessalonians 1:9

These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

2) Slavery to Sin, Love of Sin

Romans 6:17

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

John 3:19

This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

3) Hostility Toward God

Proverbs 19:3

The foolishness of man ruins his way, And his heart rages against the LORD.

Romans 8:7

because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so

Genesis 8:21

The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, **“I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.**

4) Attracted to Destructive Behaviors

Ecclesiastes 11:9

Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And **follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes.** Yet know that **God will bring you to judgment** for all these things.

Proverbs 6:32

The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it.

I Timothy 6:9-10

But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

(Proverbs 1:32)

For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them.

(Proverbs 11:3)

The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.

5) Never Satisfied, Always Wanting More

Proverbs 27:20

Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, Nor are the eyes of man ever satisfied.

Solomon had 1,000 wives (**I Kings 11:1-3**)! The eyes of man are never satisfied.

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance *with its* income. This too is vanity. ¹¹ When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to look on?

“How much money does it take to make a man happy? Just one more dollar.” – John D. Rockefeller

6) Confusing Sin With Temptation

Most of the things we think of as temptation are actually sin.

Matthew 5:21-22 & 27-28 & 43-44

“You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; ²⁸but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

7) Distorted Understanding of What is Good and What is Evil

Are Christians affected by depravity? Yes. Although Christ has released us from some of the effects of depravity we still are stained by it and it will affect us until the day we die.

Romans 7:21-25

I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. ²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, ²³ but I see a different law in the members of my body, **waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.**

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, **with my flesh the law of sin.**

Even after we become Christians we carry the remnants of depravity in our minds, will, and emotions. One of the biggest challenges we have as Christians in dealing with our depravity is that our "guidance system" has been corrupted.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Deceit: *Convincing someone that something true is false, or that something false is true; trick*

Our hearts (intuitive feelings) are extremely good at convincing us that good things are bad and bad things are good. Its because of depravity.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way *which seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Our minds can come to the conclusion that something bad is good or that something good is bad! In other words, our "guidance system" is corrupted.

Stealth Fighter Story

In the early days of the F-117 Stealth Fighter program some of these airplanes were crashing for no apparent reason. These planes would fly at night taking off and landing at early dawn or dusk. During parts of the flight the pilot could see the silhouette of a mountain as they were flying. In some cases, the pilot would become disoriented and believe that the sloped side of the mountain was the horizon. As a result, they would tilt their plane thinking that they were now flying level with the ground. But in reality, they were tilted to one side and their plane would slide toward the ground and crash. Even though alarms were going off in the cockpit, the pilot was deceived by his own senses. He was convinced he was flying level and that the alarms were wrong! And it cost him his life. In the same way, depravity has corrupted our guidance system for judging good and evil. As a result, we can't rely on our intuitive sense of what is right and wrong when it comes to spiritual things. Instead we will have to believe God's word and obey Him by faith, not by sight (**II Corinthians 5:7**).

Hebrews 5:12-14

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not **accustomed to the word of righteousness**, for he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the **mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.**

We also need to be careful about playing word games to get around God's commands.

Isaiah 5:20-21

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight!

Depravity Tests

We will now use God's Word to test out some areas where depravity causes problems for some Christians. These tests will give you a feel for the problem of human depravity and how you are doing in handling it.

A) The First 11 Chapters of Genesis

In the first 11 chapters of Genesis God describes how He created the universe, how He destroyed the world with a flood, and how He spread men and their languages around the world. A detailed genealogy from Adam to Abraham is included in this part of the Bible enabling the calculation of elapsed time from Adam to Abraham to be calculated with a precision of +- a few years (the elapsed time is about 2,000 years) and both secular historians and religious historians (Jew, Muslim, Christian) all place Abraham as living at about 2,000 BC. God has spoken clearly. The universe is not billions of years old. Its not even millions of years old! Also, the sequence of events for the creation of the universe and Earth is out of order compared to the assertions of philosophical science. In addition, computer analysis of the grammar of this part of Genesis shows that it is written as a historical record – its not symbolic language or poetic metaphor. So, God has spoken clearly about what happened and what He did.

(II Peter 3:3-7)

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. ⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

But there are Christians who don't accept what God has written as true. They say they believe most of the Bible but not the first 11 chapters of Genesis. Where is that coming from? It's the remnants of depravity.

The depraved heart says, “When God wrote the first 11 chapters of Genesis, God got it wrong. God has sinned and fallen short of the glory of philosophical science.”

Romans 3:3-4

What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? ⁴ May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, “That You may be justified in Your words, And prevail when You are judged.”

The depraved heart calls God a liar. But at the end of the age it will be shown that God was right after all!

B) Witnessing Without Using Scripture

Some Christians don't want to have to memorize Bible verses in order to share the Gospel. But God has spoken clearly about this.

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

I Peter 1:23

for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

(Hebrews 4:12)

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

C) Thinking Obedience to God is Legalism

Some people think that if you exercise discipline or self-control in order to obey God that is legalism, but its not. Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) and God speaks highly of the benefits of discipline.

(I Corinthians 9:27)

but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

(Colossians 2:5)

For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.

I Timothy 4:7

But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

(II Timothy 1:7)

For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

Hebrews 12:11

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

The specific meaning of the term “legalism” is to neglect a commandment of God and replace it with a tradition invented by men.

Mark 7:6-9

And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. 7 ‘But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’ 8 Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.” 9 He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.”

Some people think that “overdoing it” in trying to obey God is legalism, but its not. The biblical word for “overdoing it” is “zealous”. God wants us to be zealous in obeying Him!

Zealous: *eagerness and intense interest in pursuit of something*

(I Peter 3:13-15)

Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, ¹⁵but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

Titus 2:14

who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

God wants us to “overdo it” in obeying His commands and to exercise discipline in order to do so. But the depraved heart wants to incorrectly call those things legalism so they can get out of doing them!

For a detailed study on this topic please see, “Discipline & Legalism” at:
<http://gciweb.org/2011/04/youth-bible-study-materials-michael-r-daily/>

D) Thinking Eternity in The Lake of Fire is Unfair.

God is good and perfect. Everything that God does is good and perfect, isn't that right?

Mark 10:18

And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

Matthew 5:48

Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Who created Hell? God did.

Matthew 25:41

Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels

Who judges people and sends some to Hell? God does.

Matthew 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

(Revelation 20:14-15)

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 14:9-11

Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

How many people will end up in Hell for eternity? Its not hundreds or thousands, its billions. Whose wrath is unleashed on people in Hell? God's wrath. What percentage of God's strength does God use to punish people in Hell? His full strength. How strong is God? Infinitely strong. When does it end? It doesn't. How often do people in Hell get breaks? Never. Whose watching all this? Jesus and the angels but they aren't grieving are they? Justice is finally being completed. Is Hell good? Is it good for God to take vengeance on His enemies? Yes it is.

II Thessalonians 1:6-9

For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, ⁸ dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

Romans 12:19

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

But as we were discussing this some of you felt that this seems too extreme. It doesn't seem fair. What is that? Where does that come from? It comes from the depravity of our hearts. Our guidance systems are corrupted. We can either crash our planes or believe, by faith, that the Bible tells us that it is good and just for God to repay His enemies in this way.

E) Men With Long Hair

I Corinthians 11:14-16

Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,¹⁵ but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.¹⁶ But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God.

Is this passage difficult to understand? Are there challenging theological words being used here like propitiation or imputation? No. The key words here are words like “hair”, “long”, “short”. These are not difficult words to understand. Is it physically challenging for a man to get a haircut? No. Is it economically overwhelming for a man to get a haircut? No. There is nothing difficult about getting a haircut – unless you don’t want to. But God has spoken clearly. Men are to have their hair significantly shorter than the hair of women. Yet we have some Christian leaders, men, who have long hair. We have Christian musicians with long hair who are viewed as leaders by our youth. We have full time youth ministers with long hair. There are even senior pastors of churches who wear their hair long. Why? Because of the depravity of the human heart. Even as we discussed this topic, some of you felt uneasy about it. You were experiencing the remnants of depravity and its effects on your emotions and on your ability to recognize the rightness of spiritual truth.

Some people argue that this is too small a thing to worry about. Really! What does God say about small things that He has commanded us to do?

Luke 16:10

He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

Luke 19:17

And he said to him, ‘Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.’

Faithfulness in very little things is a big deal to God! Perhaps your guidance system has been corrupted!

For a detailed study on this topic please see, “Why Jesus Had Short Hair & Why That’s Important” at:
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F) Women Teaching the Bible to Men

I Timothy 2:12

But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

Women can teach other women or children. But they are not allowed to teach men or exercise authority over them in spiritual matters. God has spoken very clearly. Yet there are women pastors and Sunday school teachers and they teach men and exercise authority over them. Why? Was God not clear? No, He was clear. But the depravity of the human heart loves sin and will play around with word games to get what it wants. The depraved heart looks at this verse and says, “God has sinned and fallen short of the glory of me”.

Conclusion

Because of Adam’s sin, all men have inherited a depraved sin nature that causes our mind, will, and emotions to be corrupted, distorted, perverted, and evil compared to God’s view of things and His standards. Even with Christians, our moral guidance systems have been corrupted by depravity making it difficult for us to always recognize and agree that God’s ways are right. The antidote for depravity is to understand the Word of God and accept what it says, by faith, as being true and right, even if it doesn’t feel that way to us at first.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 3:10-18*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 19:3, Romans 8:7, Genesis 8:21*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 1:32, Proverbs 11:3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 27:20, I Kings 11:1-3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Man's Depravity*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ecclesiastes 5:10-11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 5:21-44*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 7:21-25*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Man's Depravity*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 14:12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 5:12-14, Isaiah 5:20-21*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Peter 3:3-7, Romans 3:3-4*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Man's Depravity*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 10:17, I Peter 1:23, Hebrews 4:12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians 9:27, Colossians 2:5, I Timothy 4:7*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 12:11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Man's Depravity*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Mark 7:6-9*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Peter 3:13-15, Titus 2:14, Revelation 3:19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Mark 10:18, Matthew 5:48*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Man's Depravity*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 25:41, Matthew 10:28, Revelation 20:11-15*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 14:9-11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Thessalonians 1:6-9, Romans 12:19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Man's Depravity*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians 11:14-16*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 16:10, Luke 19:17*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 2:12, Romans 12:1-2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?