

The Mortification of Sin with the Superiority of Jesus

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As men, we often fight for purity with a sense of “duty” and “should do it” type of thinking. However, we aren’t to fight sin with duty but with delight. Through the eyes of faith, we behold the excellencies of Jesus and are conformed into his image (2 Cor. 3:18). Pornography and anger are besetting sins for men that must be met with the superiority of Jesus Christ.

I. The Expulsive Power of a New Affection:

- A. Thomas Chalmers: “There are two ways in which a practical moralist may attempt to displace from the human heart its love of the world- either by a demonstration of the world's vanity, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon simply to withdraw its regards from an object that is not worthy of it; or, by setting forth another object, even God, as more worthy of its attachment, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon not to resign an old affection, which shall have nothing to succeed it, but to exchange an old affection for a new one.”
- B. Conclusion: You will never rid yourself of a struggle with pornography and anger by meditating on the “inferiority” of those. You must see something else as better!

II. To What/Whom Do You Look in Your Sanctification?

- A. Hebrews 12:1-2
- B. 2 Corinthians 3:18

C. Don't Meditate on Your Sin

- i. "Today, my goal is to not get angry."
- ii. Today, my goal is to not look at porn.

D. Don't Meditate on the *Amount* of Sin

- i. How many days injury free in the workplace?
- ii. "Sin tracker": A countdown.



E. Meditate on the Attributes of God that You are Failing to See:

i. Purity

- 1. Holiness (Isa. 6:1-4; Heb. 12:14)
- 2. Wrath (Rom. 12:19)

ii. Patience

- 1. God's Longsuffering (Exod. 34:6-7)
- 2. God's Mercy (Ps. 103:12)

F. Make One Specific Step to Make This Weekend:

- i. Buy an old school alarm clock and get rid of your phone from your room.
- ii. Pause to listen and ask questions before getting angry.
- iii. Pray before you enter your house that God would give you the energy to be a faithful man.
- iv. Complete the “Theology Proper Worksheet” (See Below)

III. Conclusion

“God may be looked upon in an absolute consideration, as he is in himself the best and most excellent Being, wherein we behold the concurrence of all perfections, the most amiable and beauteous excellences, to an intellectual eye, that it can have any apprehension of.”

—John Howe, A Treatise on Delighting in God, 4

“We know of no other way by which to keep the love of the world out of our heart, than to keep in our hearts the love of God.”

—Thomas Chalmers

God is better

Theology Proper Worksheet # 1

Please select one communicable attribute of God and complete the following worksheet with that attribute of God in mind. Remember, you will utilize *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem to offer the definition of the attribute you select and may also use passages Grudem provides. However, you have the option of providing new passages if you would like.

I. Define the Attribute of God per Grudem:

A. Attribute:

B. Definition:

II. Key Verses to Memorize: *Please select one verse to memorize in regard to the attribute of God you have selected.*

III. Related Attributes, Descriptions, Titles

A.

B.

C.

D.

IV. Illustrations of God's Attribute

Please list illustrations of this attribute of God as seen in Creation, in Christ, in Scripture, in History, in Others Lives, or in Your Life.