

Keep “looking away” to Jesus!

Hebrews 12:1-3 ...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Psalm 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

2 Chronicles 20:12 ...for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

Remember “The secret to the victorious Christian life is the victorious Christ living inside of you” (Steve Currington, *Tall Law*)

Conclusion: What should you do next? You must take determined action against sin; *now is the time*.

How We Find Freedom From Sin ←—————→ **Traits of Those Who Experience Breakthrough**

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One authority on sexual addiction says that “most men [women] never _____ of sexual addiction. Thankfully, though, there is a road that can be travelled to live in victory.

At some point, God has to truly intervene in a person’s life *after* Salvation, or else they will never breakthrough from the Romans 7 experience (i.e “Wilderness wanderings”). That is, their sanctification in particular areas will get stalled in defeat).

What It Takes to Get “Out”:

I. _____ Need

Not just acknowledgement or awareness.

The hope of a person is in his desperateness. This is the person whom God is stripping away his/her self-reliance, self-trust, self-hope. This person is beginning to see himself in his true state. He is realizing that the problem is not just surface/that the problem is within him or her.

Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

God is working to bring you “out” by bringing you “down”.

II. _____ Confidence (in Own Ability to Fix)

Isaiah 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

John 15:4 ...As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

III. Deep _____ to God

This is what touches the 3 root issues of the heart (as well as the more obvious sin that the person is aware of). II Corinthians 7:9

IV. Direct Spiritual _____

- A. *Continual* spiritual input ("feeding" on the Word, meditation, preaching, scripture memory).
- B. Ongoing _____ *specifically* related to sexual (i.e. for support, exhortation)
- C. A genuine walk with _____ while on the journey to recovery
- D. A God-dependent focus to daily deal with Root problems (Not trusting/Selfishness/Pride)
- E. Personal _____

The overall *goal* in getting out of besetting sin is God glorified in...

- Freeing us from sin
- Freeing us from *ourselves*
- Developing in us a real desire for the things of God
- Restoring us to daily joy in Jesus

V. Determined " _____ " of 7 _____ areas:

- A. The heart-loves
- B. The _____

- C. The " _____ spots"
- D. The _____
- E. The _____ past
- F. The "Hold" of _____
- G. The hindrance of friends/ peers

VI. Deliberate _____ Against "Threats"

- The obvious and the historical threats.
 - A. Personal _____
 1. Places
 2. Provocative Material
 - B. The _____. All things internet-enabled if this has been a problem.
- In sexual sin, **Porn is the drug; the internet is the _____**
 - C. The World "delivered" to us as _____ Culture

VII. Dependent _____ to Jesus

Regularly Abiding in Jesus; minute by minute.

- John 15:3-5
- 2 Corinthians 12:8-10