

A Pastor's Heart

Encouragement from Pastor McGill

Avoiding Defilement 2

Mark 7:14 *And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand. 15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him, but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. 16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear... 18 and he saith unto them, are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him: 19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats 20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man*

Jesus makes it clear to us that defilement can manifest itself in us in many ways. In order to avoid defilement, we must be knowledgeable and understand each way Jesus mentioned here. In this Pastor's Heart, we will do a word study on each of the ways Jesus spoke about. We will look at the words used in the original Greek language. In verse Mark 7:21, He states that defilement comes from within, out of the heart. Sin resides in our flesh. It is impossible to please God in the flesh because God is never pleased with sin. Therefore, we must walk in the spirit and not in our flesh. Since we are housed in this body of flesh or sin, we must crucify the flesh daily and be ever mindful of its' motives. The flesh desires to manifest itself by coming out of the heart of man. The Word of God commands us to ***“Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.”*** **Proverbs 4:23.** We are to literally stand guard over our hearts the same way we see extreme security in key places all over the world protecting things of value. If left unprotected or unguarded, Jesus says these things will eventually come out. For our word study I will give the English word, followed by the Greek word and its definition. I encourage you to study these words on your own in more detail and allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you in the areas that need greater attention.

- a. Evil Thoughts-Kakos-mode of thinking that is wrong, injurious destructive and of a bad nature. Thoughts (Dialogismos) human reasoning, questioning whether something is true, doubting and coming up with a plan to destroy or be destructive.
- b. Adulteries-Moicheia-Having sex with someone other than your spouse
- c. Fornications-Porneia-illicit sexual intercourse, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals, intercourse with close relatives, intercourse with a divorced man or woman, A worship of idols.
- d. Murders-Phonos-Slaughter and shedding of innocent blood
- e. Thefts-Klope-to steal and take away by stealth
- f. Covetousness-Pleonexia- A greedy desire to have more

- g. Wickedness-Poneria- Evil purposes and desires, depravity, iniquity and malice
- h. Deceit- Dolos-Craftiness, subtlety and guile
- i. Lasciviousness-Aselgeia-Unbridled lust, filthiness, excess, shamelessness and outrageousness
- j. An Evil Eye-Poneros Ophthalmos-Evil desires in the eyes of the mind
- k. Blasphemy-Blasphemia-Slander, detraction and speech injurious to another's good name. impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty
- l. Pride-Hyperephania- haughtiness, arrogance, the character of one who, with a swollen estimate of his own powers or merits looks down on others and even treats them with insolence and contempt.
- m. Foolishness-Aphrosyne-senselessness, thoughtlessness and recklessness

When I study these words and truly understand what defilement is, I realize that I don't have enough time in a day to focus on the faults of others. There is enough in this one text to keep me occupied in my own heart until Jesus returns. Guard your heart, avoid defilement and make it a great day.

Blessings and Peace

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