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Deliverance from the Sin of Evil Imagination - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/3/21 10:52

Thought I would share this with ya'll...perhaps it might help someone. This is my own personal testimony.
ginnyrose

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INTRO.: As I pondered what to put in the bulletin today, my mind went blank, even though I have 50+ pages of articles, stories in my files to use someday. The story of my deliverance from this sin of evil imagination kept coming up; I had shared it before but for some reason the LORD is saying I should share it again. Hope it will help any who are struggling with it as I did.

DESCRIPTION: its roots reside in the heart of a man, most notably as a result from a suggestion of jealousy, a sense that others are better than I am and now I must discover where they are weak. It all starts when you take a piece of truth and your imagination will start analyzing it, adding to it—fueled by jealousy—where you will soon believe what you have decided is the truth about the matter. To convince one you are in error is as difficult as pulling teeth without any anesthesia. The fight, the pain, the fear is just as bad if not worse.

MY DELIVERANCE: I was a young mother, in my twenties, when the Holy Spirit started to convict me with an intensity that we are at war. He said this way of thinking is sin. Period. It all would start when I would hear a person say something about another and perhaps for some reason or another I did not appreciate him/her. Now this piece of information may not have been all that bad, it may even have been good: it did not matter—all you had was just a piece of knowledge. Then my imagination would kick in gear to work to discredit it if it was good. If it was a little negative, the enemy would add more suggestions to this information and while analyzing it you would begin to see the logic of this reasoning and before too long you will believe this to be the truth.

What made me first aware that what I believed was not the truth was when I learned to know these persons apart from people who were afflicted with this sin as well. I learned to know them as good honest people who were not at all like I thought they were. This was the starting point in which the Holy Spirit used to demonstrate to me how wrong I was and that this way of thinking is sinful.

After I agreed with the Holy Spirit about this mentality, I confessed my sin and asked God for forgiveness, fully expecting this lifestyle to be history from this point on. But such was not the case: it just marked the beginning of an intense battle. The next time I heard something else, I fell right into that pattern of thinking again and I found myself totally helpless to stand against the onslaught of this temptation. The cycle of confession, prayer, crying continued. In desperation for victory I read every article I could that would tell me how to gain victory over sin. They all offered many methods to use: pleading the blood, quoting Scripture, prayer, confession. All worked for a short period of time and then the cycle repeated itself. I was bound. No relief. I was desperate. I would fall on my knees beside my bed and cry out in tears to the LORD for the ability to withstand the onslaught of the enemy who has such a hold on my spirit. This happened many times—so many times I have no idea how often.

Then one day, ONE DAY! The Enemy came to me again with another temptation, just like always, and without thinking I said, "Devil, you leave!" I was standing by the refrigerator in the kitchen at the time. At this moment, I felt a peace come over me: it started at my head and went down all the way through my body. It was a physical thing. From that point on I was delivered! No more struggles! I no longer had a problem with resisting this temptation—it was gone! GONE!!! The LORD had given me the victory! Praise his Holy name! He is awesome!

NEW BEGINNINGS: Now that one is delivered from this sin, it will free you to think differently. You will want to know the untarnished truth, one that will stand up in a court of law. "How do you know?" Will become a standard question you will ask when you hear a report. Or, you will go to the person personally to find out the truth. Eventually, you will find it—...and this will not sit well with others who are involved with this sin. You will begin to see people as the LORD does—...but this is a lifetime process.

IN HINDSIGHT: I would guess this is a problem more females are afflicted with because we are more emotional oriented

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then males. However, it is just as debilitating as the problem males have with porn. When I heard their testimonies, I can easily identify with their struggles because what they describe is the same as mine were.

CONCLUSION: It has been over thirty years since this experience, and the memory of it is still just as fresh as though it happened yesterday. My main point is that we are totally helpless to win this battle over sin. We have absolutely no power over it! None whatsoever. And it is a battle fought in your soul between two supernatural powers: God and the devil. But you can have the victory and to get it you must persist, persist, persist, persist...and eventually, the LORD will give you the victory!

Sandra Miller, March 2007

* I believe this response was initiated by the Holy Spirit because it was spontaneous, automatic, came without premeditation.

Re: Deliverance from the Sin of Evil Imagination, on: 2007/3/21 14:38

I was convicted the whole way through your article. Amen!

Re: Deliverance from the Sin of Evil Imagination - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/3/21 15:55

Thank you sister.

This is probably one of the great ... observations that can be seen here in our own setting and one that has been well worn out in expression by yours truly.

Quote:
-----It all starts when you take a piece of truth and your imagination will start analyzing it, adding to it -- fueled by jealousy -- where you will soon believe what you have decided is the truth about the matter.

The whole of assumption and presumption, the business of climbing into others heads, repeating their thoughts for them, pre-judging, wrong judgment, beyond what is written ... opinion over flesh and blood experience ... guessing at or pronouncing the future, "future casting" ... How many diabolical and divisive matters, church splits? Strife and contention ... misunderstandings, slander, ... imagining and even allowing the words of the worst kinds of suspicions about our own brethren much less those we have even less contact with.

Quote:
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Perhaps I am steering this into a broader territory than that which constitutes gossip, perhaps it is seeing it all stemming from the same cesspool of sin.

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Amen. It changes everything. Great testimony sister.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/3/21 20:08

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Brother, good point, except you must understand this mentality was one that was part of me for as far back as I can remember. And yes, you are right about the Holy Spirit working with a person. My testimony is the story of how I was convicted of a sin and then my subsequent battle to overcome it. The fact is, and I am sure you agree, one cannot overcome this sin with your own willpower, using 'methods' promoted by well-meaning preachers or writers. I was desperate, God knew it and when I was at wits ends - and He knew it, He intervened for me. This is the story..Sorry I did not make that clear.

God will give us the victory if we want it and we cannot be ambivalent about his ability to accomplish that. We are powerless to change our sinful lifestyle, patterns: it requires divine intervention. And that is a process. Agree?

Thanks for the kind words, crsschk.

ginnyrose

Re: Deliverance from the Sin of Evil Imagination - posted by rookie (), on: 2007/3/23 2:34

Sis wrote:

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1John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Thank you sis for this testimony...

God Bless
Jeff

Re: Deliverance from the Sin of Evil Imagination - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/3/24 3:10

Hi everyone. Isn't this a good reminder for us? Thank you Ginnyrose.

This is something brother Mike has helped me to be reminded of in his postings by way of exhortation from time to time so I would thank him also. A few times recently I've become conscious of the need to ignore certain ideas that come to mind about what so and so may think or other such things.

Just now as this thread came to memory I thought of the phrase *evil surmisings* and found it in 1 Timothy 6:4.

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The revised standard has it put this way, it calls them **base suspicions**. Isn't that powerful?

Am reminded too that love *thinketh no evil*.

God give us tender and pure thoughts of one another. Amen.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/3/24 23:25

Your are right on brother. There is actually no good thing one can say about this sin.

After I posted this testimony, I thought I should have clarified the nature of my "evil imagination" although it certainly was there. Moderns would call it a "critical spirit" which is evil because its orgins rest in the lusts of the heart and comes to fruition if left alone. (My difficulty lay in the fact this was part of my growing up years..it was firmly inbedded in my spirit/mind.) But thanks be to the God of Glory who was so patient with me. As He was with me, so he will be to any who repents . Praise His name! Hallelujah!

ginnyrose

Re: Deliverance from the Sin of Evil Imagination - posted by tjservant (), on: 2007/3/24 23:43

Quote:

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It did.

Thank you for posting this.