

Hidden Desires Or Faith

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For a minute, think of a garage floor with a small pool of oil on its surface. If you use some water to cleanse the floor, the water and the oil will go their separate ways.

Adding some detergent might make it easier to move the oil, but they will continue to go their separate ways.

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If we now take the Scripture from 1 John above as an oily patch of slipperiness from Satan, a little application of faith (detergent) will help break it up a little, but it will still leave a dark patch of stain on our lives.

We might be in the garage. The oil might be on the floor. But we do not have to step on the oil, and get it on ourselves.

Many churches to day lean more to the world than to the Gospel. They lean more on the results of a committee rather than the Holy Spirit. The world is in the church, and leading the church.

Many people in the church to day are like a pendulum, going backwards and forwards, from one side to the other, and back again.

It will gradually decrease in the length of its pass until it will finally stop in the centre.

This is the action of many who go to church, with the swing of life's pendulum over time getting shorter and shorter. Finally they come to a stop in the middle.

They have become lukewarm as Jesus said they would in the last days, and He will reject their application to spend eternity in His Presence, Revelation 3:15-16.

They do not like being told to get off their seats, and start being active in the Word. They, without knowing the the Scriptures, fulfill the Scripture, “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone”, James 2:17.

We were created to live in this world as God’ s husbandmen servants. You might say that we live here and we need to be in the world. We might need to be in the world, but does the world have to be in us? We, as citizens of God’ s Kingdom, are here to work as God’ s Representatives.

Since we are citizens of God’ s Kingdom, God requires that we do not live as ‘acquaintances’ , but as members of His elite society, we need to ensure, and live as people dedicated to Him, and not hope that we might just be doing enough.

What does the Bible say about our faith?

The Apostle John wrote, “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name”, John 20:31.

If we do not exercise our faith, it will soon lose the strength it had.

Are you using your faith to cover up the hidden desires of your heart? Gambling. Alcoholism. Drug dependancy. Going to shows of scantily clad females. Preferring anarchy to lawfulness. Keeping what is not legally yours?

Consider the Apostle Peter for a minute. He walked with Jesus for three and a half years.

Even though he had fished all night, and not caught anything, he was prepared to go out on the command of Jesus, and throw his net to the other side of the boat, Luke 5:4-9, and then get other to help bring the catch to shore.

Jesus took Peter, along with James and John with Him to the Mount of Transfiguration, where they saw Jesus in all His Glory, talking to Moses and Elijah, Matthew 17:1-9.

Yet Peter at his Lord' s trial, denied the Lord three times before the cock could give his morning wake-up call, Luke 22:54-62.

Will the hidden desire to protect your life outweigh your faith in the Day of Tribulation?

Will your hidden desires still be with you when life' s pendulum stops in the centre?

Friend, if your life still outweighs your faith, on the Day of Judgement, God will only have one sentence for you, "I know you not" .