

Self-Indulgence

Acceptable Sins - Week 4

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1. Self-indulgence: an _____ to
_____ the gratification of urges and desires.

Ecclesiastes 2:10 "I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure."

How it shows itself in our lives:

2. _____ - excessive emphasis on stuff.

Ecclesiastes 2:4-6 "I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. ⁵I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. ⁶I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees."

3. _____ - excessive emphasis on profit.

Ecclesiastes 2:7-8a "I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. ⁸I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces."

4. _____ - excessive emphasis on pleasures.

Ecclesiastes 2:3 "I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom."

Ecclesiastes 2:8b "I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man's heart."

What self-indulgence really says...

5. "God _____ this void in my life."

The godly answer to self-indulgence:

6. Understand it _____.

Ecclesiastes 2:11 "Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun."

7. Fix your _____ on what lasts _____.

Titus 3:3-7 "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."