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For the glory of God, and the spiritual edification of those who read these testimonies

Covetous Practices

We have all heard of how we need to exercise our faith, be constantly renewed in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, drinking of the grace of God, etc. However, let us consider those who are doing the complete opposite. It is not simply 'not doing the above', but exercising themselves in wickedness, drinking iniquity, and being filled with so many evil spirits.

It is very scary to note indeed but there are people we know and commune with, who are practicing some of these things on a daily basis. *"Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;"* (2 Peter 2:14,15). Such people, we need to be very careful of; everything they see is carnal, and they are excited by looking at evil things, they are bound so much that they cannot stop being wicked, all their ways and thoughts are wicked; they disturb everyone that comes in contact with them, those who are unstable in their faith, easily lose their peace and cannot think properly.

Such people, know only to sin and they are constantly sinning in their thoughts, words and deeds. In doing so, their mind and body are fully in control of satan. Without their knowledge they have fully surrendered their mind and body for the use of satan. If their body and mind is being constantly used for evil, then this has a direct effect on their heart. Their hearts are being exercised for wicked practices. Just like how some people run or jog to exercise the heart muscle, these cursed people are exercising their hearts with covetous practices. Can you imagine just how it would be, to be constantly exercising your heart with evil practices? How familiar or comfortable would you become in committing sin? It would become like second nature to these people.

Constantly these people want to commit sin, they covet to do sin, to do wicked things, they covet to commit adultery – in doing so, are they not giving plenty of exercise to their hearts? It is not simply coveting after the things of this world, but coveting after the evil practices of the world, living in sin, committing fornication as others are doing similarly, coveting after all the things the world is now offering to us. Yet being conceived in sin, to be nourished in sinful practices from a small age, imagine what kind of person they would be once fully grown up. Is it not similar to how the antichrist would be brought up?

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Again in Job 4:8 – *“Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.”* What is it to plough iniquity? Imagine as you plough a field, how you turn the soil over and over, making it rich in minerals, and then in that richness, you sow the seeds. Likewise, the more you plough iniquity, the more rich the field of your heart becomes in this iniquity. And when you begin doing and committing sins with your body, then you are sowing the seeds of wickedness into this field of iniquity. The seeds then germinate and grow in that richness of iniquity, and as these plants of wickedness grow and become strong, then the works of wickedness are also stronger! Have you seen the way that wickedness and evil can grow in a person’s life? Be very careful to not allow such things in your life. We see the results of such a life in (Hosea 10:13): *“Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.”* These lies are the lies of the deceiver, satan, who has convinced you that your way is the right way, and you believe these lies. After all, you are only doing what you feel like doing, no one is telling you what to do. But beware! *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”* (Proverbs 14:12)

Finally, in Job 15:16 we read, *“How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?”* How terrible is this verse and how true! In these last days, can you see all the people around you committing sins as if it is normal? It has become as often and as natural as drinking water dear child of God. Without thought or without any fear, they are committing sins and doing wicked works. The worst part is that in these last days also, God will not correct or punish those people because He knows that total destruction is imminent on such people. Revelation 22: 11 – *“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still.”* If God stops correcting you, be very careful, for the end times are near. You will be allowed to carry on the way you are, continuing to become stronger and stronger in works of wickedness!

Rather, let us do what Hosea 10:12 tells us to do; *“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.”* Oh how terrible the times are: how much more we need to cling onto our Saviour!