

Keeping our Freshness in the Lord Deuteronomy 30:15-20

One of our core values at Abundant Life Foursquare Church is the integrate and apply of the Word of God in our lives.

How does a person go about integrating and applying the Bible in his or her life?

This passage is a summary conclusion to all the Law that Moses brought and taught to Israel:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 15 “ See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16 in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

God, through Moses, is setting a clear choice before the people of Israel: life and good or death and evil. What would cause a person to choose evil and death over good and life?

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James 1: 12-17 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him... But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death... Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

According to James 1 where do temptation and sin come from?

Proverbs 5:21-23 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 10:8 The wise man is glad to be instructed, but a self-sufficient fool falls flat on his face. What happens to us when we try to live without godly instruction?

Refusing to follow God's instruction always leads to bondage and death. Where do we get God's instructions? Ask yourself: Am I studying and obeying the Bible?

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Who is our only hope for eternal life?

Psalms 32: 4-5 ...My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day until I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, I will confess them to the Lord. And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

What happens to us when we try to hide our sins?

What happens when we confess them and turn away from them?

Share a time when confessing hidden sin broke its power in your life.

Ask the Holy Spirit for insight and He will show you why you are having difficulties in your life:

1. Is it because of personal sin? (Confess it and walk in God's light. 1 John 1:6,7, and 9)
2. Is it an ongoing pattern of unwise behavior? (Define the behavior and what precedes it, and change it. Submit to God and practice new behavior. (Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 12:1; James 4:7-8)
3. Is it warfare against Satan and evil? (Ephesians 6:10-18 Put on spiritual armor, fight evil, and ask others to stand with you.)
4. Is it a lack of instruction from God's Word? Study God's Word. and go to mature Christians for instruction in God's Word.)
5. Is it just the tests that come from living in this world? (James 1:2-8 Ask God to give you wisdom and trust God to bring you through the trials and teach you what you need to learn.)

Jesus loves you. Do you really love Him?