



The Encourager

Pastors: Les & Ann Moore
Australian Outback Ministries
October '08 NEWSLETTER

Greetings to all who read this newsletter, This newsletter is to encourage each one of you in the Lord; our aim is to bless all who read it, and to challenge you in Jesus name to **Win the Lost** for the Glory of God.

Leaving the ninety and nine

Saints this which I am bringing to you today; the Lord has laid this on my heart to encourage you to do all you can to help find and restore that lost sheep which has just wandered off by themselves, the wolf is at their door, don't loose sight of them. They need our help. Ann & I are doing what we can, I believe this is why the Lord has shown us to Credential Pastors, because there are many Leaders in the smaller country towns, that have no one to relate too, so we have taken up the call to help & encourage these men & women. I can relate to these situations that these people find themselves in. I said to the Lord many years ago, that if I was given the opportunity to Credential men & women we would look after them to the best of our ability & not leave them struggling by themselves, frustrated, lonely, tired, disappointed, hurting, & no one they can confide in; We said here we are Lord, use us, in Jesus name. Amen.

We read in **Luke 15:4** What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

:5 And when he hath found [it], he layeth [it] on his shoulders, rejoicing.

:6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together [his] friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

The Word of God is saying something very special to us here. I know the Scriptures are speaking about the lost sheep in general: Suppose the Scriptures are talking about Pastors & Leaders? Where do we stand then, it is a big responsibility to us who are in Leadership, Not only the leaders but each one of us who name the name of Jesus as Lord & Saviour. Don't allow anyone to slip through the cracks; It is so easily done. Take the example here in scripture. The responsibility of leaving the 99 & going after the one, is up to us all, not only to leaders, Jesus never said the Pastors & Leaders only: He said {What man of You} this refers to us all. Saints time is so short, Jesus is coming again, Work while it is still day; **John 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

I heard an alarming truth the other day where there are hundreds of Pastors a month in America stepping out of ministry, What is the number here in Australia? I don't know, but I reckon there would be quiet a few. Time is getting too short to loose anyone from the service of our King, Jesus.

Saints please hear my heart, the Lord has been challenging me over the past few days, to do more by way of e-mails; letters, phone calls; We have started up a weekly Devotional called {Answers for Life} to post & e-mail out, please feel free to copy these & give them to someone to bless them; I realize we do not have all the answers, but we are working to help as many as we can. We cannot get around to everyone, but we are doing our best to reach & return that lost sheep back to the fold, in Jesus name.

Saints, as you are aware we all do not live in cities or big towns, some people live in very small towns, they cannot shop around for a better church, they are it. please continue to pray for these Pastors & Leaders we all need your prayers.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few;

:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

If you have an e-mail address, could you send it to us please, it will make things much easier for Ann & I.

God bless you real good
Pastors Les & Ann.

Australian Outback Ministries

Temptations, Tests & Trials

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TEMPTATION AND SIN?

Temptation is a thought or desire that is acted upon will produce sin. It is not sin to have a temptation, but sin comes if you yield to the temptation. Temptation produces a choice for us to make; that is, whether to sin or not to sin. James 1:13-15

THE BATTLEFIELD IS THE MIND

What you meditate on the most will decide the direction of your life. For when you meditate on something, you build it into your heart, and Scripture tells us that:

Proverbs 23:7.

“As a man thinketh in his heart so is he”

Temptation is always in our minds.

TEMPTATION COMES FOUR WAYS

Temptations come into our minds four different ways:

- (1) Demonic beings inject tempting thoughts into our minds
- (2) Temptations come from what we see causing lust to arise in us
- (3) Temptations coming from lust arising from bodily desires
- (4) Temptations coming from us having prideful thoughts.

Let's look at each of these in detail.

(1) Demonic beings inject tempting thoughts into our minds These thoughts are not ours as they originate from the demonic beings attacking us. The demonic beings cannot read our minds but they inject their thoughts into them, hoping we take ownership of them. We do this by meditating on the thoughts and allowing them to take root in our hearts. These thoughts are of things or actions that are contrary to God's Word. They will lead us into sinful actions if we let them take root. Normally you can identify these demonic thoughts by their vile nature. You should reject them outright, casting them out, giving them no place in your mind. Then you should hit the demonic being with the Word of God. A good Scripture to use for this is: 2 Corinthians 10:5

“Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (the Bible), and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

(2) Temptations come from what we see The Scriptures call this type of temptation “the Lust of the Eyes.”

If we allow what we see to cause lust to arise in us, then we will be tempted to fulfil these lusts through sinful actions.

1 John 2:16.

(3) Temptations coming from lust arising from bodily desires The Scripture calls this type of temptation “the Lust of the Flesh.” God has given us

Flesh.” God has given us strong natural desires in various areas to make sure life is preserved. However these appetites are meant to be controlled and ordered by the spirit. If this happens then you will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh:

Galatians 5:16

“This I say, Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

We should be careful not to give place to or make provision for the fulfilment of the lust of the flesh. Romans 13:14.

(4) Temptations coming from us having prideful thoughts The Scripture calls this type of temptation “the Pride of Life.” The first sin ever committed was the sin of pride. It was what caused Satan (Lucifer) to be thrown out of Heaven with His followers. *Ezekial 28:17, 1 Timothy 3:6.* The temptation of pride wants you to think more highly of yourself and your achievements than you should. The Bible teaches against this: *Romans 12:3.*

NOT TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR

1 Corinthians 10:13. “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

God doesn't say that you aren't going to be tempted. What He does say is that all temptation is common to man. That means we will not be tempted with anything new, anything that Jesus hasn't already faced and overcome. (*Hebrews 4:15*). God goes on to say He will not allow you to be tempted beyond that which you can handle, and will always give you a way of escape.

What you must always remember is that it is much easier to have victory over temptation before you begin to entertain it in your mind. When you start to entertain the thought (temptation), the lust associated with it grows stronger and stronger until it drives you to the sin act.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF SATAN'S ATTACKS OF TEMPTATION?

Satan hated Godly people. He hates everything God loves. You are called of God, chosen of God, anointed by the Holy Spirit. Your purpose is to be a deliverer of people who are in the chains and bondages of their sins.

We as Christians are God's vessels through which His love and healing flows to the world. We have been given the Ministry of Reconciliation and God expects us to fulfil it.

Satan's primary goal in our generation is not the promotion of alcoholism, drug addiction or even sexual abuse. His biggest plan is to destroy mankind's faith in God, to sidetrack and discourage Christians, aiming to make them quit.

You must understand that you are important to God, and a threat to Satan. To the world around you, you represent the love of God.

James 1:12-15. 2 Corinthians 2:14. John 10:10.

God bless you real good: Pastor Les.