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Sermon Notes
2 Samuel 13:1-23

2 Samuel 12:11 ESV

11 Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

Satan's Spectacularly Successful Seven Step Strategy:

1. The ultimate end is to capture souls
2. A powerful means to this end is the corruption of society
3. The most powerful means to destroy society is to destroy its fundamental building block, the family
4. The family is destroyed by destroying its foundation, stable marriage.
5. Marriage is destroyed by loosening its glue, sexual fidelity
6. Fidelity is destroyed by the Sexual Revolution
7. The Sexual Revolution is propagated mainly by the media ...

We must press on in the faith and be a witness to a world that is obsessed with sexual immorality. We must demonstrate a different way.

Be Different:

1. Control Your Thought Life

Proverbs 4:23 GNB

23 Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.

2 steps to controlling your thought life:

1. Recognition
2. Replacement

Romans 13:14 ESV

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Proverbs 20:18 NLT

18 Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without wise advice.

Be different:

2. Be careful to whom you listen

Proverbs 27:6 NLT

6 Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.

How to recognize good and bad advice

1. Be cautious of any advice that begins with, "You deserve ..."
2. Don't solicit advice online
3. Don't ignore advice with which you disagree

4. Measure any advice you receive against the Bible

The trouble with good advice is that it usually interferes with your plans.

Acts 17:11 ESV

11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Be different:

3. Avoid immediate gratification

James 4:7 NLT

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT

13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Colossians 2:9-10 NLT

9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

The sufficiency of Christ in your life comes becomes a reality when you:

1. Know what you believe: what you believe determines how you live
2. Cultivate and nourish your spiritual life
3. Engage in ministry

Colossians 3:16 NLT

16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

Be different:

4. Parents discipline your children

Proverbs 13:24 NLT

24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

Characteristics of Godly discipline:

1. It is necessary to avoid destruction
2. It involves words and actions, warnings and consequences
3. It's motive is love
4. It looks like short-term pain but results in long-term gain

Hebrews 12:7-9 ESV

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you

are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

Hebrews 12:10-11 NLT

10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. 11 No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.