

## St. Stevens Baptist Church Bible Study #2

### Overcome Temptation

#### What does it mean to be a Godly person?

##### 1. Admit you WEAKNESS (Why?)

###### **Hebrews 11:34 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, *out of weakness were made strong*, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

###### **2 Corinthians 12:7-10 New King James Version (NKJV)**

###### **The Thorn in the Flesh**

<sup>7</sup> And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

<sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, *for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*” Therefore most gladly *I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* <sup>10</sup> Therefore, I *take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

###### **1 Corinthians 10:12 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*

###### **Jeremiah 17:9 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> “The *heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked*; who can know it?”

##### 2. Use GOD’S resources (Why?)

###### **Psalms 73:26 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart fail; *But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

###### **James 4:7-10 New King James Version (NKJV)**

###### **Humility Cures Worldliness**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

##### 3. Guard your THOUGHT Life

###### **Matthew 15:18 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

###### **1 Corinthians 10:5 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

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## **St. Stevens Baptist Church Bible Study #3**

### **Establishing Patterns of Holy Living**

#### **1. Maintaining *BIBLICAL* standards**

##### **1 Peter 1:15 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**15** but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,

##### **Leviticus 11:44 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**44** For I *am* the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I *am* holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

##### **Romans 5:8-9 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

##### **Romans 8:1 New King James Version (NKJV)**

###### ***Free from Indwelling Sin***

**8** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

##### **Galatians 3:2-3 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

##### **1 John 1:7 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

##### **Romans 12:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)**

###### ***Living Sacrifices to God***

**12** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

## **St. Stevens Baptist Church Bible Study #4**

### **Establishing Patterns of Holy Living**

#### 2. **Discipline ALL AREAS of your life**

##### **1 Peter 1:2-11 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**2**elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **3**Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4**to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **5**who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**6**In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, **7**that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8**whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9**receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls. **10**Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, **11**searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

##### **1 Timothy 4:7-8 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**7**But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. **8**For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

##### **Hebrews 12:1-11 New King James Version (NKJV)**

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2**looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**3**For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. **4**You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. **5**And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: **“My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; **6**For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”** **7**If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? **8**But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. **9**Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? **10**For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. **11**Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

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## St. Stevens Baptist Church Bible Study #4 **“Continued”**

### Establishing Patterns of Holy Living

#### 3. Be **ACCOUNTABLE** to other Christians

**James 5:16**New King James Version (NKJV)

**16** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

**Hebrews 12:4**New King James Version (NKJV)

**4** You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.