

A STUDY GUIDE

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THE RIGHT THING IN THE RIGHT SEASON

- PART 1 -

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.....*

11 *He hath made ever thing beautiful in his time.*

You live in the most challenging times that young people have ever lived in.

It was described like this by Brother Branham:

We see this age that we're living in. It's one of the grandest ages of all ages. This Laodicea Church Age is the grandest of all the church ages, because it's the ending of time and the blending of

Eternity. And, then, it's the greatest sinful age. It's more sin in this age than there's ever been. And the powers of Satan is many times harder to fight against than it was in any age.

63-0825M - How Can I Overcome?

Here is one prophecy for our day, with a promise of God's help for us.

Isaiah.59:19 *So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.*

It is not a trickle, or a rippling brook, or a flowing river, or even a deep lake. It's a flood. A flood can be a powerful force to destroy everything good and even sweep you away into more and more sin. But God says he will provide a standard that will

fight against it and will not allow his children to be swept away or overcome by it. He gave us a Word specific for our times. We can get a hold and not be swept away in the flood.



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A. God does everything in seasons.

Genesis 1: 14 *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

Galatians 6:7-9 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

If He sets the seasons even for our life, then we must work according to the season he has us in. We should be content in that season and not get ahead or try to be doing something that's out of the season we are in right now. We must be doing the right thing in the right season he has us in. There is nothing worse than trying to do something that is out of the season it's meant for.

B. This is the season of exploring all the joys of living an overcoming single life for the Lord.

Maturity is recognizing and enjoying the season you are in now. God has something to teach in each season of life including this one. What does God desire to teach you?

In the adolescence and early teens, it is a special time of life. It will be a season that you will never have quite this way again. It can be really fun and wholesome or the opposite, depending on how you handle it.

C. In this season IT IS TIME FOR:

1. Seeking a personal relationship with God. Feeding on the Word for yourself.
2. Gaining and developing a host of new friends. Some casual friendships and then some close ones.

3. Learning how friendships work, what works and what don't work to have strong friendships.
4. Becoming the right kind of friend yourself.
5. Learning how to handle when your emotions go up and down and when you are hurt or angry.
6. Deciding what is the right things to read, listen to, and look at. Learning that your mind is not a garbage can and needs the right food.
7. Learning the changes in your body that increases your interest in the opposite sex.
8. Separating normal and natural feelings from lust.

D. In this season IT IS NOT TIME FOR:

1. Having a boyfriend or girlfriend. Singling out one person and seeking to be an exclusive couple with that one.
2. Making promises loosely to a guy or girl that you cannot keep.
3. Saying "love you to a guy or girl" These are strong words meant to be saved and kept special for a serious relationship down the road.
4. Holding hands, kissing, hugging, or touching the opposite sex in a way outside of the normal handshake greeting.
5. Gossiping about people. Pitting one person against another.
6. Having jealousy towards others, or even bitterness.
7. Sharing your heart too intimately over text or social media with a guy or girl. Communicating things privately with someone that is being hidden from your parents' oversight and protection.

If you apply some of these things, it will be a lot better when you move into the next phase. If you will enjoy and develop good friendships during this time, then more than likely out of that group will be a girlfriend or boyfriend when the time is right (God's time). Good guy-girl relationships and good marriages come from having a good early teen season of life.



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A. Foundations

Matthew 7:24-27 (Jesus talked about the right foundation to build on)

As you can see in the quotes below the Holy Ghost (Christ in you) is first. It is the key to finding the directions we will need for marriage and everything else.

"She had come in such a place, maybe one time being in contact with God, but had been lusting after the things of the world. And I asked her; I said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost?" She said, "Not yet, but I'm seeking It. "said, "You get the Holy Ghost first, and He'll tell you what husband to have." That's right.

54-0103 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS

On the next quote you can see why it is so important. The Holy Ghost and a life of overcoming with the Holy Ghost is the foundation for becoming the person you need to be. Without it, we stand to bring all the things we have not overcome to others in the future, making them miserable.

"And the father raised up and said, "My son went to the altar. He was baptized correctly, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the pool." Said, "I know my son has come to Christ." I said, "That may be all right, all the outward motions. He might be identified as a believer with the believers. But until he is regenerated, born again, I'd advise that young man to never marry a woman. He'll make Hell on earth for her, until that gentle, sweet, forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in."

63-0801 A PARADOX

B. Preparations

Luke 14:29-32 (*Jesus talked about the importance of being prepared*)

Pondering what is going to be needed in the future and preparing for it first is pleasing to the Lord.

II Timothy 2:19-20-22 *“Prepared for every good work.”*

Prepare means **hetoimazo**: make ready, provide, to make the necessary preparations, get everything ready; figuratively, drawn from the oriental custom of sending on before kings on their journeys persons to level the roads and make them passable; to prepare the minds of men to give the Messiah a fit reception and secure his blessings.

God is a God of preparation. God prepares men and woman to fulfill a certain purpose. Sometimes it takes years of training just to use them for maybe one big event to bring glory to him. When the prophet spoke of his own ministry coming to the final purpose, he said.

“In the days of the seventh angel these mysteries that's all been...Them mysteries will be revealed in the last days when the seventh angel's Message..., not when he starts out doing this, but when he begins to sound his Message. See? Not the years in preparation, but when he begins to sound the Message, these mysteries then will be revealed.

65-0718 TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE

Here are more specific instructions from the scripture.

1. CONTENTMENT, SATISFACTION, AND FULFILLMENT

PSALM 37:4 *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

Before courtship is considered, a question must be settled in your heart. Have you come to being fulfilled and satisfied with your walk and relationship with the Lord? Guy/girl relationships have a certain satisfaction to them that feels so good and fulfilling. God has made us that way and given us that thirst for companionship.

Unfortunately, young people jump into this “good feeling”, replacing their thirst for the Lord with it. The “seek ye first” principle Jesus gave us in Matt 6:33 is true because of the way

God made us. He must come first, or any other relationship can never fully satisfy. We encourage you to draw your satisfaction, identity, love, and approval from the Lord first. You should seek a rest in knowing you have the Holy Ghost and God's thoughts (plans) he has for you (Jer. 29:11) before any other thing. This is the only true approach to life.

2. KEEP, GUARD, AND PROTECT YOUR HEART

Proverbs 4:23 *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

The good things that are in you have to be protected and watched over or Satan will defile them. He tries to pervert life in order to bring death.

A great example of this was Samson. He had a secret with the Lord. In that secret was his strength. When he shared his heart with Delilah too much, she caused him to lose his innocence and strength. There are certain things we do share with close friends, but there are other things that should not be shared.

If you have feeling for someone or attraction, then keep it in your heart and pray. There will come a time to share those things if it is His will. We must put a 24-hour guard on duty with our minds, thoughts, emotions, passions, and bodies.

3. SETTLE WHO OWNS YOUR BODY

I Corinthians 6:13 *The body is not intended for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body [to save, sanctify, and raise it again because of the sacrifice of the cross].*

14 And God has not only raised the Lord [to life], but will also raise us up by His power.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Am I therefore to take the members of Christ and make them part of a [f]prostitute? Certainly not!

16 Do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, "The two shall be one flesh."

17 But the one who is united and joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

18 Run away from sexual immorality [in any form, whether thought or behavior, whether visual or written]. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the one who is sexually immoral sins against his own body.

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that you are not your own [property]?

20 You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.

You will never understand I Cor 7:1 “It is good for a man not to touch a woman.” unless you know why. And the “why” is that our bodies do not belong to us, but the Lord. After we are married, they belong to the Lord and our mate. To give your body to someone the wrong way before marriage or even for the purpose of exciting sexual lust is wrong. When you do this, you give the person something that is not yours, but the Lords. And you do something called “defrauding” the other person. Defraud means to trick or cheat someone, stealing something that belongs to them. If you’re not married to that person, you are stealing something from them that does not belong to you yet. God is so displeased when young people do this. He has given these things a special place to be blessed and that is marriage. He is so grieved when youth cheapen (usually secretly) something he wants you to keep special.



Enjoy Wholesome Friendships

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Enjoy wholesome friendships without playing around with flirting or sexual intentions. Have fun and keep your friendships pure. In an atmosphere of respect, love, and purity, God can turn a friendship into a courtship in His time.

This is the season of planting the right seeds, a sort of Springtime of your life. Decisions you make now will affect the quality of the future in so many ways.

“To build may have to take the slow and laborious task of years. To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day.”

Winston Churchill

It’s a time to learn to bring your passions under His Lordship.

I Thessalonians 4:3-43- This is a time of undistracted devotion to the Lord.

Read. I Cor 7. Pay attention to verses 24, 32, 34. The goal in this season is to grow into a vessel of honor, ready for courtship or whatever God has and to be presented to a special person on your wedding day.



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Seeking the new birth, the Holy Ghost. This is the best season for you to connect with God and it is evident that God begins to pull your heart toward him at this young age.

And the only thing that kept me from being saved when I was twelve years old, because a spirit hung over me, a devil, saying, "Wait a little while longer." That's the reason you wasn't saved when you become the age of accountability. A spirit, you got in a crowd, and that hovered over you and kept hanging over you. You wanted to do right. There's not a man that's got his right mind but what wants to do right, but there is something won't let you do right. Is that right? [The congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] That's the devil.

52-0224 - Believing God

1. Sometimes you can try to put off seeking and receiving the Lord to another time. But this is the very best time to receive Him when he calls your heart. Look what a man named Felix did in the bible.

Acts 24: 24 *And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.*

25 *And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.*

2. What is it that you are looking for when you seek the Holy Ghost? Something deeper that will show the fruit of a life of overcoming. It is beyond just believing and being baptized, (which of course you should take those steps first) The Holy Ghost goes so deep, It changes your nature and love for the world to a new nature that will love and obey the Word, especially the message He sent for our times.

And what's an amazing thing to me, friends, that many times people speaking of God know so little about Him. See? They speak of it as... They know it as a joy, and they know they're saved; they are. But when it comes to dealing with spiritual things (See?), that's altogether a different phase. It has nothing to do with that joy that comes from God. The joy's just like, well, it's a—I

would say, the bubbles on top of the water. You see? See? That's wonderful; it's good to bubble dance, as we would call it, to rejoice and the blessings fall upon you. But when you come down face to face with spirits, why, it's so much different; you'd be surprised.

51-0928 - At Thy Word Lord

Bless Thy people, Father, bring sincerity and deepness to the hearts of the people. May we get off of those fragile bubble dances, settle down into the deep riches of the honey of God.

65-1127B - Trying To Do God A Service Without It Being God's Will

3. In the atmosphere of Holy Ghost, people will get better. People can be affected in many ways. The stages we come through (repentance, salvation, baptism) are all a work of Holy Ghost. But there is a time when it calls you, then there is a time when it comes in you and becomes sealed into your soul. The scripture and message teach us that because we are a 3 part being of Body , spirit , and soul, the Holy Ghost can anoint our body and spirit too. In fact he said we can have the baptism of the Holy Ghost just on our spirit. He must go deeper in our life than just a repentance, brokenness, crying, emotion, and even a sanctified life.

This is not to take away from anything you have received already from the Lord. It is to encourage you to seek something so deep that it will show the fruit of life in the Word and overcoming power.

4. What is it we are looking for as an evidence we have received the Holy Ghost?

I heard Brother Neville say, this morning, someone might have been asking him why didn't I preach on the Holy Ghost, why didn't I do this. Here it is. The Holy Ghost is the action in you. It's a Life, not an emotion; not some sort of a fleshly evidence. But It is a Person, Jesus Christ, the Word of God established in your heart, to quicken every Word of this age. Right. Watch the Holy Ghost in action, not so much in demonstrations; but, in action, what It does according to the Word.

65-0829- Satan's Eden



OUR THOUGHT LIFE AND SEXUAL TEMPTATION

- PART 2-

1

God is all about foundations and preparations.

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **2** But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. **3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

II Corinthians 5: 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Now that we have been saved, as we are; and that we have been filled with the Holy Spirit, as we have; now we want the mind that was in Christ, to be in us, that we might be transformed from the natural things of life, and be brought in to do the perfect will of God, by transformation, of God's Spirit, by His Word.

65-1031M - Power Of Transformation

Our thought life every day is a place Satan can really defeat us. No one else knows what we are thinking except God, so you can see why if it's not under the Holy Ghost it can bring the wrong things from our life. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is He..." the bible says. Our thoughts can be filled with bad memories of terrible things and can come back to us for many years down the road. That's the way God made it. So what we let into our minds is

very important. Feeding on filthy movies, television, books, music, social media, and many other entertainments will weaken us spiritually. Even if you didn't fill your minds with the wrong things, the mind is kind of its own imagination station. You may never watch a movie but your mind can create its own, and you watch what has been created with no one looking. Satan knows this and seeks to live in the thoughts of even Christians. Here are some scriptures that show how powerful our thoughts can be and encourage us to bring them under subjection.

Genesis 6:5 *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Psalms 10:4 *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*

Psalms 94:11 *The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.*

Jeremiah 6:19 *Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.*

Psalms 119:113 *I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.*

Psalms 139:23 *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:*

Proverbs 16:3 *Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.*

Romans 2:15 *Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) ERV Translation: Sometimes their thoughts tell them that they have done wrong, and this makes them guilty. And sometimes their thoughts tell them that they have done right, and this makes them not guilty.*



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Psalm 1:1-3 Believer helps us to see what we should do. This is a blessed man who stays away from the influences of ungodly counsel, the way of sinners, and the seat of the scornful. But that's not all. If you sanctify and separate yourself, you have to fill your life with something else.

1. So what is this blessed man of God doing? His passion and delight is in the Word. It's above anything else. It's exciting to him. He can't wait to get to church. He can't wait to open his bible and read.

This is not a duty, this is a delight. This is not grievous, this is enjoyable. This is not "I have to", this is "I get to." This is not a pressure, this is a passion. This is not a drudgery, this is a desire. This is not someone telling you to do it or you need it, this is your soul telling you that you want it.

2. But it's not just reading it and having a passion for it. He lets it get lodged in his mind. He switches out thoughts back to the Word. He brings every thought captive and scanned. Nothing gets through unless it's scanned and checked.

3. After the big 9/11 event in our country, everything changed as far as security. Everything was scanned so much more so that an enemy could not sneak through.

If you ever have a 9/11 in your life, then you put heightened security on your thought life as well. Every thought has to go through security. Then, if something does not clear, you bring it into captivity. Handcuff it. Arrest it and send it back. Don't let it go any further into your thinking.

4. Meditate means: think deeply or focus one's mind for a period of time, in silence or with the aid of chanting, for religious or spiritual purposes or as a method of relaxation. We need a focused mind on the Word or God or positive things. *Read Philippians 4:8*

5. There are many things you don't have control over, but for the most part, we have control over what we think about and meditate on. This believer says, "satan, my thought life is my

domain.” “That’s my territory.” We should be determined to learn how to kick out every wrong, depressing, unbelieving, lying thought, and replace it with the Word or good things.

6. Thoughts that we know are from satan and not God, must be quickly thrown out and replaced with the Word.



The Greatest Battle Ever Fought

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When Brother Branham preached the message “The Greatest Battle Ever Fought,” he shows us that even Christians sealed by the Holy Ghost, satan may try to come in our senses. He will work very hard to defeat us in these territories, especially the private territory of our thoughts. I encourage you to take the time and study this message carefully for yourself as it sets a believer on the right course for an overcoming life in the Holy Ghost. It's not just having the Holy Ghost, it's living in victory daily with the Holy Ghost in control. The real battle is our mind, so the real victories will be in the mind.

If you've got your senses, see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, they're all right, but don't trust them unless they agree with the Word. They're all right, but, if they disagree with the Word, don't you listen to them. Now, imaginations, conscience, memories, reasons, and affections, they're all right if they agree with the Word. But if your affection doesn't agree with the Word, get rid of it. You'd blow a flue, right quick. See? If your reason disagrees with the Word, get away from it. That's right. The engine...If your memory, if your imaginations, if your conscience, anything, disagrees with That what's on the inside, get rid of it.

62-0311 - The Greatest Battle Ever Fought

I believe that that's the reason people doesn't have the victory and—in their heart that they should have, is because their thoughts are on other things. “Let the meditation of my mind, of my heart, be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord.” I believe if we'll think on Him, He will draw nigh unto us.

60-0311 - Mary's Belief



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I Corinthians 10:13 Amplified: No temptation [regardless of its source] has overtaken or enticed you that is not common to human experience [nor is any temptation unusual or beyond human resistance]; but God is faithful [to His word—He is compassionate and trustworthy], and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability [to resist], but along with the temptation He [has in the past and is now and] will [always] provide the way out as well, so that you will be able to endure it [without yielding, and will overcome temptation with joy].

BEFORE WE APPROACH SEXUAL TEMPTATION, HERE ARE SOME BASIC QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Do you want to escape temptation?

Question 2. If he promised a way of escape, what does that mean? What is God's way of escape?

Question 3. What are the reasons for wanting to escape?

Question 4. What is the influence that causes us to do the right thing and say no?

- A. The Holy Ghost in us will direct us to the Word as a way of escape. Without that, there is nothing pointing us to the Word as the escape. This is why the real Holy Ghost in your soul is so important and the number one priority. Nothing is strong enough for the temptations of this age than Him (Christ) sitting in the control tower and Lord over your desires.
- B. We must also know that the Holy Ghost will not only direct us to the Word but will require a surrender to apply that Word to the temptation in the heat of it. There is a power that kicks in against the enemy when there is a surrender to even just the written Word. In the following quote, Brother Branham refers to Jesus under temptation in Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus had the Word and even was the Word, but He had to speak it and use it on satan in a time of temptation. When he did, the devil finally "left Him."

Put on the whole armor of God when you go to fight against the enemy, like our Lord did. He showed that how the weakest of Christian can defeat Satan just with the Word. He had powers,

He could have smote Satan any way He wanted to, but He didn't use it. He just took the Word and defeated him with It. "It's written. It's written." Everywhere, "It's written." So He defeated Satan by the Word of God.

64-1205 - The Identified Masterpiece Of God

Psalm 119:9 Amplified: *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to Your precepts].*

CJB: *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.*

PRINCIPALS

What are some guiding principles and scriptures we can apply to sexual temptation?

We dealt with one back in yesterday's study. That was the principle of settling who owns your body. If we are not our own and our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and owned by the Holy Ghost, then we have no right to use it wrong or misuse someone else wrong.

I Corinthians 7: 1-2 *Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

PRINCIPAL 1 : There is only one woman for every man.

1. This is God's Word on how to avoid temptation. You could never refrain from touching a woman unless you understand the depth of why. To avoid fornication, "let every man have his own wife." Let every man have a singular, exclusive relationship with one woman for life. You resolve that you are a one women man for life when it comes to sex and all that leads to sex.

2. This means when you're married, there are no other thoughts about, considered, flirted with, wanted, or touched. All sexual actions, thoughts, and desires belong to one and are never shared. It's 100 percent exclusive. All things sexually related to your body physically, emotionally, and mentally are directed and poured out on one person for life. So as for a

single man or woman, this applies as well. You are saving yourself and protecting all others for that one person God has for marriage. The commitment in the wedding vow says, “forsaking all others. For as long as you both shall live.”

3. Why do some young people know these things and don’t apply them when they are tempted?

- A. Pride (I’m allowed) I am an exception to the rules
- B. Lust (always wanting another). Lust is never satisfied
- C. A secret life (unaccountable)
- D. The influence of sodom around us (sodom teaches to have many)

4. Sodom is against God’s “one woman” “one man” principle. In Jude verse 7, when they gave themselves over to fornication, they went away from God’s principle and sought “strange flesh.” To lust after many and not be committed to one.

5. Strange flesh? What does that mean? They went after ones they didn’t even know. They did not care of character or personality. They lusted after many based on what they looked like and did not need commitment to them. Pornography is Sodom’s access for men and women to seek strange flesh.

6. In Sodom, dating many is normal, kissing many is normal, sex with many is normal, porn is normal, immodesty is normal, sex with men is normal, giving over to constant lustful thoughts is normal, and having multiple lusts is normal. But it must not become normal to us. Commit to living Holy for one person for life, saving sexual relations and all things that lead to it for only when you’re married.

7. Guys, the “strange woman” is mentioned almost 10 times in Proverbs. You better look that up and study it. The end results are not good. The strange woman is any other woman than the wife God will give you.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

PRINCIPAL 2 : We have holy passion and honor in our vessel, not lustful passion as the world.

II Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Overcoming sexual temptation today means you are not going to live ignorant of Satans devices.

A guy asked me not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, why, they greeted one another with a holy kiss." They kissed on the back of the neck, fell upon their neck, and kissed them on the back of the neck. That was before handshake come in. It's a greeting. That's the way it is. They didn't shake one another's hands; they put their arms around one another and they kissed one another on the back of the neck, not on the lips, in the face. That starts a perversion. Stay away from it! Don't never do that! 128 Nowadays, we shake hands with one another. If you want to... You got your arm around your brother, and kiss him on the neck, or he kisses you on the neck, that's all right. But don't you kiss that woman, and don't you let that woman kiss you. See? That's right! You take her by the hand, say, "Wait a minute, Sister, just a minute here (see?); let's get this straight!" And so, now you do that. 129 Now what did I tell you a while ago when I first started? When you see any—a car coming down the road ninety miles an hour, get out of its way. That's right! When you see the first twist in anything like that, get away from it; stay away from it! And just...That's the ground you should not be on. Satan will present something to you that'll wreck your soul and send you to hell. Stay away from it! Shun the very appearance of evil. That's right! 130 Be a man, be a woman, like...I'm going to take up for the women a minute. That's unusual isn't it? They—they say, "Oh, the woman caused it! Oh, it was the woman's fault. If she hadn't got out of her place, well, the man wouldn't got out of his." That's true. That—we'll say that's right. She gets out of her place. A man can't be bad less there's a bad woman; but remember there can't be a bad woman without being a bad man. That's right! 131 And you who claim to be a son of God, where is your principles? If the woman ain't out of her place, aren't you a son of God? Aren't you the one that's a higher, stronger vessel? As the Bible says she's weaker, then if she's weaker, then show yourself a man of God. Tell her, say, "Sister, you're in the wrong." That's right! I've done it, and other Christians has done it. And you'll always do it as long as you're a Christian, but show yourself. You're a son of God. You're—you have more power over yourself than the woman does. If she is weaker, recognize her to be weaker. Understand her

mistakes, and things like that, or try to correct her. Say, "Sister, we are Christians, we shouldn't do that." See? Be a real man, be a son of God, and watch the women. 132 And there's where the great fall begin at the beginning. It was Satan with Eve. That's what brought the whole downfall of the human race is through that. 133 And if you're a son of God, be strong; be a real man. If you're not that way, stay at the altar till you become that. And shun the very appearance of evil. And don't start now greeting... 134 Someone told me some time ago about they'd seen that two or three times at my church here, of...Not here in the church, but people who come to the church. And if you're setting here this morning, I was going to dig this to you right good. See? 135 Women, young women, coming up and these man kissing these women. Don't you do that! Don't you...You keep away from there. You remember that! If she's young, single, or whatever she is; she'll be somebody's wife someday. And you haven't got no business doing that. Stay away from her. If you want to greet her, then be a son of God, shake her hand and say, "How do you do, Sister." And let that settle it right there. See? 136 Stay away from those things; it's filth. And it'll soon get you into trouble. You just...Oh, that's just...Sin is so easy, and it's so appetizing, and so pleasant. It's so easy to fall right into it. The best thing to do is, the very even appearance of it, stay away from it! Get back! Be a real Christian!

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It's been a joy to spend this time with all of you at the camp. You are in one of the most exciting times of your life. I encourage you to stand strong and never let the enemy take these precious years and waste them.

Be filled with all the good things God has for you. Our precious Lord loves you. And remember when you make a stand for God and when you even have to stand alone, all of heaven is backing you up. Also, a bunch of us preachers, parents, and other believers have your back as well. You pray for me and I will pray for you.

Brother Paul LaFontaine