

3 July 2016

The challenge to be 4:1-5

Hebrews 12:22-24

The challenge to be 4:6-8

Be angry, but do not sin. Do not retain your anger... Ephesians 4:26

God will not allow temptations to be more than you can stand. He will show you a way out... 1 Corinthians 10:13

Flee from lust... Pursue God's approval... 2 Timothy 2:22

The challenge to be 4:9-12

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive... and to cleanse from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity... but He will by no means clear the guilty... Numbers 14:18

Failure is an opportunity to start again, only more intelligently.

The challenge to be 4:13-16

...I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

The challenge to be 4:17-22

⁶These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way... ¹²Take care not to forget the Lord. Deuteronomy 6:4-15

The challenge to be 4:23-26

Mistake are meant for not repeating.

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This week's prayer priorities, 3~9 July 2016

For personal reflection, or as discussion starters

1. What makes you angry?
2. When Cain was angry, God's first approach was to twice ask him "Why...?" (Gen.4:6). Why is that question such an important way of dealing with emotions?
3. When Cain did not reply, God then spoke to about choices, actions and consequences (Gen.4:7a). What do you think God was hoping to achieve with this approach?
4. God concluded with a warning and a way forward (Gen.4:7b). Why do you think God left this tactic until last?
5. Cain was told to "rule over" sin (Gen.4:7b). Can we use the same method for overcoming all sins? Imagine a friend with a besetting sin. What advice would you give that would help them rule over it?
6. Read 2 Timothy 2:22. What was this young man told were the components that defeated sin, and how can we apply those same components to our own lives?