

Blueprint #10- Flushing evil influences from your home!

Satan is _____. He plays the long game. He slowly pulls you and your family away from the Lord's standards until you're WAY off course. 1 Peter 5:8-9

So we must be alert to the subtle temptations of Satan and our culture that will pull us away from God! Exodus 23:2, Romans 12:2-3, Titus 2:11-13, Matthew 6:24, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Genesis 3:1-5

Satan has convinced the majority of Americans that God's instructions are really restrictive and "what makes me happy is truly the most important thing". But those who courageously and stubbornly follow the Lord...find _____! John 9:31, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 37:4, John 14:21

The Bible reveals these 30 things are NOT God's plan for us!

- 1) Getting intoxicated (1 Cor 6:10)
- 2) Watching porn or even some R-rated movies that have sexual content (Eph 5:3)
- 3) Watching TV shows that make sex outside of marriage seem normal (Eph 5:3)
- 4) Living together and/or having sex before marriage because everyone does it (1 Cor 6:18)
- 5) Use of foul language (perhaps among co-workers or with friends) (Col 3:8)
- 6) Crude joking (around some friends or fellow workers) (Col 3:8)
- 7) Sexual innuendo and flirting with members of the opposite sex (Eph 5:3)
- 8) Selfishness (such as spending much time away from the family doing hobbies) (Phil 2:3-4)
- 9) Devotion to career advancement over God and family (Romans 12:10)
- 10) Working seven days a week, without a day of rest to honor God (Ex 20:10)
- 11) Cheating or cutting corners ethically (such as on your taxes) (1 Cor 6:10)
- 12) Using pot or a mind-altering drug (because it's not "that bad") (1 Peter 4:7)
- 13) Talking disrespectfully about public officials (because "everyone does it") (Rom 13:5)
- 14) Gossiping (falling into gossip in the workplace or even in church) (2 Cor 12:20)
- 15) Outbursts of rage (and rationalizing it by saying everyone has to "vent") (2 Cor 12:20)
- 16) Embracing immorality such as homosexuality/premarital sex as "normal" (Rom 1:26-27)
- 17) Over-spending to have a better car, bigger home, nicer clothes (Luke 12:15)
- 18) Dressing provocatively (because everyone else does) (1 Pet 3:3-4)
- 19) Focusing on gaining more and more money as a top priority in life (Col 3:5)
- 20) Listening to music making sex outside marriage seem normal, or violent lyrics (Col 3:2)
- 21) Having an entitlement mentality (govt or others should take care of me) (Prov 21:25)
- 22) Accepting immoral behavior so that you don't appear intolerant (Romans 12:2)
- 23) My personal happiness matters the most (Phil 2:3)
- 24) As a parent, focusing on kids academic/sports achievement over character (Matt 6:31-33)
- 25) Women must be thin, big bust, no wrinkles, gorgeous clothes/accessories! (1 Pet 3:3-4)
- 26) New-age techniques that channel spirits or tap into invisible energy sources (Leviticus 19:31)
- 27) Shows/books that glamorize witchcraft, wizardry, casting spells (Galatians 5:19-20)
- 28) Valuing "tolerance" of immoral behavior instead of taking a stand against immorality (Rev 2:20)
- 29) Worshipping the environment/the earth instead of the one who created them! (Isaiah 45:12)
- 30) Supporting abortion and treating an unborn baby as unimportant (Psalm 139:13-16)

God is holy and righteous and he does not shrug his shoulders and give you a free pass on _____ sin! Hebrews 10:26-27

3 insights on how to flush evil influences from our homes:

1. Focus on the _____ - _____ promises of God as a giant incentive to follow His ways. Psalm 37:4, Romans 10:9, Matthew 21:21, Deuteronomy 11:13-14
2. Make pre-emptive decisions with your spouse and your children about how you will live your lives in our culture. Be intentional so that you are not tossed around in the moment of temptation. Make your decisions about what you will and will not do _____ . Some of your intentional choices may include:
 - a. Reading God's Word daily
 - b. Praying together every day
 - c. Talking together regularly about temptations of the culture and how you want to handle those temptations. Come to a clear agreement on these issues.
 - d. Choose to spend time with other god-honoring people. Hebrews 10:24-25
 - e. Avoid spending too much time with people who are not honoring God. (1 Cor 15:33
 - f. When you are around unbelievers, seek fulfillment and joy in determining to be a light to them instead of getting sucked into their wrong behavior. Matthew 5:16
 - g. Encourage your husband and children when they make good decisions to please God instead of decisions to "go along with the culture"! Hebrews 3:12-13
3. Pray for the Lord to give you _____ to take a stand against the enemy and against the culture! Isaiah 41:13

BREAKOUT SESSION:

- What are 2 of the biggest areas where the enemy is tempting you to stray from God's ways?
- In what 2 areas do you sense your husband and/or kids being enticed by ungodly influences?
- Which ideas for resisting Satan and our secular culture did God highlight for you today?