

Weekly Devotional for Week of Nov 28, 2010

"Fasting from Wrong Thinking" by Pastor Gregory Dickow

Revolution Day 22: "If I can just stop sinning, I'll be holy and pleasing to God."

Today we're fasting from the thought that says, "**If I can just stop sinning, I'll be holy and pleasing to God.**" While it's better not to sin (amen!), the thinking that holiness is obtained by our sinlessness is wrong thinking.

Let's Change It Today.

- 1. Re-define the correct meaning of 'holiness'.** Holy doesn't mean 'detaching' from all that is bad. It means 'attaching' to the LOVE of GOD.
- 2. Remember Adam & Eve.** As long as they fellowshiped with God in the garden, they didn't 'sin'. It was only when they separated themselves that temptation had its power. (Genesis 3:1-8)
- 3. Expect to taste God's goodness.** (Psalm 34:8) Once you drink from the cup of His goodness, you'll no longer hold your cup up to the bitter fancies of sin.
- 4. Reverse this thinking.** When you are pleasing to God, sin loses its power. And God is pleased by your faith. (Hebrews 11:6)
- 5. Be BELIEVING!** The sin that leads to other sins is the sin of 'not believing what God says or what God has done'. (John 16:9) When you believe Him, you please Him, even with your flaws.
- 6. Accept the gift of righteousness.** When you awake to it, that produces power over sin. (1 Corinthians 15:34)

Think It & Say It:

I attach myself to the love of God, and therefore I am walking in true holiness. Attachment to Him repels sin and temptation from me. I expect to taste God's goodness, and lose my appetite for sin. I believe what God has done and what He says and that is holy & pleasing to Him. I am the righteousness of God through the blood of Jesus!

In His Great Love,

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Revolution Day 23: "If I just find the right person, I'll be happy."

Today, we're fasting from the thought that says, **"If I just find the right person, I'll be happy."** Or **"If this person changes, I'll be happy."**

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

1. Refuse to accept that anyone has the power to make you happy. When we depend on someone else to make us happy, we give them control of our emotions. We must take control of our own emotions. (Genesis 4:6-7)

2. Right relationships can make us happ-IER, but not happy. Surround yourself with the right people, to strengthen your life, but not as the source of your life. (Acts 2:42) Put your trust in God. (Psalm 43:5)

3. Stop condemning and judging yourself. (Romans 14:22) Happy is the man who does not condemn himself. Embrace freedom from condemnation. (Romans 8:1)

4. Ask God for understanding today. Understanding produces happiness – Proverbs 3:13.

5. Give up comparing your life to anyone.

(2 Cor. 10:12) When we compare, we are WITHOUT understanding; and thus, without happiness.

6. Happiness and joy come from meditating on the Words of Jesus. (John 15:11)

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I refuse to depend on someone to make me happy. I take control of my emotions and I walk in divine happiness. I reject condemnation, since I am in Christ and I receive supernatural understanding. I will not compare and despair. I meditate on Jesus' words, and find true joy, in Jesus' Name!

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Revolution Day 24: "You can't be happy all the time."

Today we're fasting from the thought that says, "**You can't be happy all the time.**" This is a real doozy. This kind of thinking leads to being unhappy MOST of the time.

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

- 1. True happiness comes from true connection.** When we are connected with God, we are satisfied. Nothing else will satisfy completely. (Song of Solomon 1:7, and 3:4)
- 2. Give up thinking that as soon as you're happy, it's going to be taken away or something is going to interrupt it.** Let go of negative expectations TODAY. God never takes back the happiness He gives. (Romans 11:29)
- 3. It is a decision today.** Choose life; prosperity (Deut. 30:19). It's a choice. Silence the thought that your happiness depends on anything else. It comes from within.
- 4. You are NOW IN God's presence.** If you are born again, you are washed by Jesus' blood, ushering you into the presence of God. (Hebrews 10:19) AND:
- 5. In His presence is fullness of joy!** Fill your mind and consciousness with this fact: I am in God's presence, where all joy and happiness dwell! (Psalm 16:11)
- 6. Depression and unhappiness come from a sense of powerlessness.** You have the power to pray and receive the answer – this sense of power brings joy. (John 16:23)

THINK IT & SAY IT:

The joy and happiness of God are in me. I am in the presence of God through the blood of Jesus and therefore I experience fullness of joy. I have power over life's circumstances. They do not have power over me. I have the power to ask AND receive, in Jesus' Name!

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Revolution Day 25: "This mistake or sin is going to haunt me the rest of my life."

Today we're fasting from the thought that says, **“This mistake or sin is going to haunt me the rest of my life.”**

This is destructive thinking that must be eliminated.

Let's Change It Today:

- 1. Expand your faith in the blood of Jesus.** Not only does His blood forgive us; but also it **TAKES AWAY** the sin or mistake we've made. (John 1:29, Psalm 103:12)
- 2. Believe there is always a silver lining.** Whatever you've done is going to turn around for good. (Romans 8:28)
- 3. Hang out at the cross!** The cross of Jesus has the power to reverse the curse – turning a curse into a blessing. (Galatians 3:13)
- 4. Fill your mind up with God's love for you.** (Deut. 23:5)
- 5. Receive God's pronouncement over you: NOT GUILTY!** (Romans 8:1)
- 6. Don't dig it up!** Your sin/mistake is **BURIED** in the sea of forgetfulness (Micah 7:19). Amazing promise. Look this up!
- 7. Jesus is praying for you and His prayers get answered!** (Romans 8:33-34)

Think It & Say It

I believe Jesus has taken away my sins. My worst mistakes are buried in the depths of the sea. God turns around what I've done, and causes a blessing to follow me; because He loves me. I accept His declaration over me: I am not guilty, in Jesus' Name!

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Revolution Day 26: "That person makes me so mad!"

Today we're fasting from the thought that says, "**That person makes me so mad!**" We all have someone in our life at times that we may feel that way about. This thinking robs us of the happiness God intended; and from enjoying other people.

Let's Change It Today:

- 1. Decide today that NO ONE makes you mad.** Someone may light a match, but we ignite the fuse, by the choice to act on the feeling of anger.
- 2. Let's learn from Cain.** He tried to blame Abel for why he felt angry (Genesis 4:6-9). God told him, "Anger is crouching at the door, but you **MUST** master it." (Genesis 4:7)
- 3. You CAN master your emotions.** (Genesis 4:7) Believe this: God wouldn't tell you to do something that He doesn't give you the power to do. (**2 Timothy 1:7**)
- 4. Understand the meaning: Be angry, but sin not.** (Ephesians 4:26) The sinful part of anger is blaming someone else for it; and taking it out on others. But it's **RIGHT** to express it to God. Tell Him how you feel. He understands; and He can rescue you from it, when you're honest.
- 5. Let go of your need for others to meet your expectations.** Forgive them in your heart. And re-direct your misplaced expectations back toward God. (Psalm 75:6-7)
- 6. You will receive from God.** (Colossians 3:23-24) Expect this. People only let you down when you have put too much dependence and expectation in their hands.

Think It & Say It:

I decide today that no one is the source of my anger. They may trigger it; but I have power over it. I express it to God and expect His deliverance. I forgive others for letting me down, and I expect to receive from God for all my needs, in Jesus' Name.

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Revolution Day 27: "I don't belong."

Today we're fasting from the thought that says, "I don't belong."

Feelings of rejection and inferiority can be crippling and they come from this mindset. Other thoughts, such as 'I don't fit in' and 'I could never be like them', feed this stronghold as well.

Let's Change It Today:

- 1. You BELONG to Christ.** (Galatians 3:29) He wouldn't have BOUGHT you with His own blood, if you weren't valuable to Him. You belong!
- 2. You are accepted in the family of God.** (Ephesians 1:6 KJV) Reverse the thought that you are rejected – declare "I am accepted." It's only a matter of time before good people catch up to God's point of view, and accepts you as well.
- 3. Ah, the power of expectation!** When you feel rejected and inferior, you attract that kind of treatment. Expect better.
- 4. God doesn't get His opinion of you from others!** He has already decided that you belong and that He has picked you. (Jeremiah 1:5, Jeremiah 29:11)
- 5. When even the closest people reject you, God stands by you** and takes you up. (Psalm 27:10.) He receives you, embraces you, and will never let you go. (Isaiah 49:16, John 10:28)
- 6. You are IN God's inner circle.** (Psalm 25:14) Fill your mind with reverential awe of God. It will bring you into a deep closeness with God.

Think It & Say It

I am valuable to God because He paid for me with His own blood. I belong to Him – purchased by Him, and no one can take that away. I am accepted in God's family and I am not rejected. God's opinion of me is settled. He loves me and HE LIKES ME! I expect favor and blessing to follow me because I am chosen and beloved, in Jesus' Name!

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Revolution Day 28: "God doesn't care."

Today we're fasting from the thought that says, "God doesn't care."

We all know the empty feeling of going through something, and thinking God is distant and uncaring. This thinking will keep you defeated and powerless, until you...

...Change it Today:

- 1. Jesus wept!** What does this have to do with our thinking? When you realize He wept over Lazarus' death, you will realize He cares – so much – that He raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:35)
- 2. HE DOES CARE!** 1 Peter 5:7...because He cares for you. Meditate on this verse.
- 3. Jesus is praying for you right now!** (Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:34)
- 4. Believe God's hand changes anything we put in it.** When you believe that, you will put your cares in His hand. (2 Timothy 1:12)
- 5. There is a sign at the throne of grace: "Welcome! Come freely."** God cares always, but desires us to come and ask for help IN FAITH. Faith is the key – James 4:2. Ask for help NOW! And believe you have it! NOW! (Mark 11:24)
- 6. He gave you** His Son (John 3:16), His Spirit (Acts 1:8), His Word (John 1:1), His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18), His anointing (1 John 2:27), His wisdom (James 1:5), His grace (Ephesians 2:8), His Church (1 Corinthians 12:18), ALL Things pertaining to life & godliness (2 Peter 1:3).
- 7. ENOUGH SAID!!!!!!!!!!**

THINK IT & SAY IT:

No matter what I feel like, God cares! He feels for me and He has made abundant grace available to me. Jesus is praying for me right now – and He gets His prayers answered. I have ALL things pertaining to life and godliness--embrace His help and His care, by faith, in Jesus' Name!

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