

OBSTACLES TO OUR DESTINY

1 Peter 2:1-10

(2 Corinthians 6:12) You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections.

(v.1-3) Five Carnal Propensities:

“Laying aside”- take off, get rid of, cease from, to give up.

1) Malice: *depravity, wickedness, hateful feelings.*

“*Malice drinks one-half of its own poison*”- *Seneca the Elder*

(Romans 12:21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. We can overcome “evil,” (malice)

2) Deceit: *treachery, fraud: play-acting, insincerity.*

(1 John 1:6-7) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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.

3) Hypocrisy: *hypokrisis – actor on a stage.*

(Romans 12:9-11) Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

4) Envy: *jealousy, spite, insult.*

(1 Timothy 6:6-7) Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

5) Evil Speaking: Greek katalalia: *backbiting, defamation, slander (false damaging statements about a person's reputation).*

(Proverbs 18:21) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

(Ephesians 4:25-27) Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another." Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

(v.2, 3) ...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Desire – means: to pursue with love; to long after.

Paul declared, “...I die daily.” – (1 Corinthians 15:31b).

(v.4-6) 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone...

(1 Corinthians 1:22-24) For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Peter quotes Isaiah 28:16, in (v.6)

(Revelation 16:15) "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

(Romans 12:1) 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.

It's time to come to Jesus, to walk in your “destiny!”

(James 4:8-10) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

(v.7, 8) “Invaluable worth of Christ. Offensive to the disobedient, precious to the obedient.

(v.9-10) Peter further elaborates on our “destiny” in Christ!

Marvelous – admirable, excellent; beyond human comprehension!

(1 Corinthians 2:9) But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

CONCLUSION:

(Psalm 34:8-9) Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.