

Devotion, Pure and Simple

Devotion Series (DPS-01)

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- 2 Corinthians 11:1-4
 - I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God
 - I promised you as a pure bride to Christ
 - I fear your devotion will be corrupted
 - As Eve was deceived by the serpent
 - You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you
 - Different Jesus than we preached
 - Different Spirit than you received
 - Different gospel than the one you believed
- Devotion – Pure and Simple (NASB)
 - 2 Corinthians 11:3 (NASB) ...simplicity and purity of *devotion* to Christ.
 - 2 Corinthians 11:3 (NLT2) ...undivided devotion to Christ.
- Corrupted
- Eve deceived – Genesis 3:1-6
 - Innocence before corruption
 - Serpent's deception
 - Serpent's temptation
 - Serpent's Deception
 - Did God really say you must not...?
 - You won't die
 - Compared to false teachings – luring believers away from the truth
 - God's ways are not the best
 - Deception primarily against what Eve thought about God and his instructions
 - Once the mind is convinced, actions follow
 - False teachers deceiving them to abandon undivided devotion
- 1 Timothy 2:14
- Genesis 3:6
- Genesis 3:17

Spiritual Warfare in the mind

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
 - Use God's mighty weapons (NASB - divinely powerful)
 - Knock down strongholds of human reasoning
 - Destroy false arguments
 - Capture rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ
- Serpent's Temptation
 - A different gospel
 - You won't die
 - You will be like God (Isaiah 14:14 – I will be like the Most High)
- You happily put up with it
 - Corrupted devotion
 - Divided devotion
 - Thoughts not captivated to obedience to Christ
- Losing your focus (divided)
- James 1:5-8

Pure, undivided, simple devotion

- Starts with closeness
- James 4:5-8
 - The Spirit of God in us is filled with envy
 - God opposes the proud and favors the humble
 - Resist the devil – he will flee
 - Come close to God – he will come close to you
 - Purify your hearts
 - Your loyalty is divided
- Lazy Adam vs. Vigilant Holy Spirit
- Galatians 3:1-5 – Galatians following a different gospel
 - You received the Holy Spirit because you believed the message about Christ
 - You started your Christian lives in the Spirit
 - Now trying to become perfect by your human effort
 - God gives you the Holy Spirit and miracles because you believed the message about Christ
- 1 John 2:20
- 1 John 2:27
- 2 Peter 1:3