

ABIDE

First Epistle of John

WEEK SIXTEEN

"GUARD YOURSELVES"

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 5:16-21.
2. What do you think verse sixteen means?
3. What does John call unrighteousness/wrongdoing in verse seventeen?
4. What promise does verse eighteen hold for those of us who know Christ?
5. Who does verse nineteen say has power over those who do not know Christ?
6. What did the Son of God give us according to verse twenty, and what does it do for us?
7. What are we told to guard ourselves from?
8. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

"Little children,
guard yourselves
from idols."

~ 1 John 5:21

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 5:16-21.
2. What does verse sixteen tell us we should do for someone we see sinning?
3. In addition to praying for a brother who is caught in sin, what else does Matthew 18:15-17 instruct us to do? Is there anyone the Lord is convicting you to speak to?
4. How does Scripture describe the attitude with which we should seek to correct one caught in sin in Galatians 6:1 and 2 Timothy 2:24-26. What does 2 Timothy 2:26 say is the goal of correction?
5. If our "brother" repents, what should be our response, according to Luke 17:3-4?
6. If a so called believer does not repent, but continues to walk in unrepentant sin, what do 1 Corinthians 5:11, 1 Timothy 5:20, 2 Thessalonians 3:6 & 14 call us to do, with wisdom?
7. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 5:16-21.
 2. In verses seventeen and eighteen, John tells us that "all unrighteousness is sin," and "we know that no one who is born of God sins..." John indicates that anything that falls short of God's perfect standard of righteousness is sin. How does this idea impact your understanding of sin?
 3. As believers what are we commanded to do in 1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 Corinthians 15:34, and 2 Timothy 2:19?
 4. Instead of offering ourselves as instruments of unrighteousness, what are we called to do in Romans 6:13? Is there any area of your life that you present as an instrument of unrighteousness? What assurance does 1 John 1:9 grant us, and what can you do to walk in true repentance/change in these areas?
 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 5:16-21.
2. What does 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 say that we turned from in order to serve God?
3. What does 2 Corinthians 6:16 call us and what does it say we should not "agree" or join ourselves with?
4. John tells us we ought to guard ourselves from idols. Look up the definition for the word "guard" and write it below:
5. Why do you think we need to actively guard ourselves from idols?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 5:16-21.
 2. In the passage above, John cautions us about idols. We often think of idols as physical objects, but how does Ezekiel 14:3 describe the idols of the Israelites?
 3. To what does 1 Samuel 15:23 compare rebellion and insubordination/arrogance/stubbornness?
 4. An idol is anything we think about, serve, or allocate time to in place of the Lord. Think about your life and how you invest your time, money, energy and thought life. Is there anything to which you dedicate an excessive amount of dedication? Is there any area you feel borders on idolatry?
 5. What did the people of Israel serve alongside of the Lord in 2 Kings 17:41?
 6. Often we try to serve both our idols and the Lord, thinking we can do both. However, what do Deuteronomy 27:15, Psalm 97:7, Isaiah 42:17, and Jeremiah 10:14 say of those who make idols? If God is convicting you of idolatry in any area, take a moment to repent and make a plan to guard yourself from idolatry in that area.
 7. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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