

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. What things in your life do you need to recognize that are leading to death?
2. What are ways you can support each other in your Life Group to get rid of shame?
3. What are practical ways to start habits this week to renew your mind?

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“When tempted no one should say, ‘God is tempting me!’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”
James 1:13-17 (NIV)

- **DESIRE**

“... each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire....”
James 1:14a (NIV)

“Our Lord finds our desires not too strong but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures fooling about with drink and sex and ambition. When infinite joy is offered us. Like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”
C.S. Lewis

- **DECEPTION**

“... but each person is tempted when they are dragged away ... and enticed.”
James 3:14b (NIV)

“Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity....”
Ephesians 4:19 (NIV)

- **DISOBEDIENCE**

“Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;....”
James 1:15a (NIV)

“The body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the LORD, and the LORD for the body.”
1 Corinthians 6:13 (NIV)

- **DESTRUCTION**

“... and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.” James 1:15b (NIV)

“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.”
Romans 7:15 (NIV)

VICTORY OVER PORNOGRAPHY

1. BRING IT INTO THE LIGHT SO GOD CAN HEAL YOUR HEART

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16 (NIV)

2. WALK IN THE LIGHT AND LIVE FROM YOUR HEART

- **RENEW YOUR MIND**

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”
Romans 12:2 (NIV)

- **SET BOUNDARIES TO PROTECT YOUR HEART**

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”
Romans 13:14 (NASB)

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3. BRING YOUR SHAME TO THE CROSS AND LIVE IN GOD’S GRACE

“‘Don’t be afraid,’ David said to him, ‘for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.’”
2 Samuel 9:7 (NIV)

“Mephibosheth bowed down and said, ‘What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?’”
2 Samuel 9:8 (NIV)

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

“So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the King’s sons.”

2 Samuel 9:11b (NIV)