

DARING FAITH

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Week 3: Daring To Counter Culture

Faith is _____ from _____ point of view

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The lust of the flesh:

- The temptation to _____
- The desire to _____
- _____
- _____

The lust of the eyes:

- The temptation to _____
- The desire to _____
- _____
- _____

The pride of life:

- The temptation to _____
- The desire to _____
- _____
- _____

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How To Counter Culture

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Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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Hebrews 11:24-26 (NIV)

1. Live with _____

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Proverbs 11:3 (NIV)

2. Share with _____

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV)

3. Serve with _____

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus... Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Matthew 16:24-26 (NIV)

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The lust of the flesh:

- The temptation to feel/do
- The desire to indulge
- Passion
- Sex

The lust of the eyes:

- The temptation to have
- The desire to increase
- Possession
- Security

The pride of life:

- The temptation to be
- The desire to impress
- Position
- Success

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REVIEW IT

The disciple, John, gave us the world's value system when he wrote that "everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world." Temptations come in a variety of expressions, but at their core, every temptation comes from one of these three values. The lust of the flesh is the desire to indulge. The lust of the eyes is the desire to increase. The pride of life is the desire to impress. So, what are the values that counter culture?

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Spend some time in the word: Read Philippians 2:1-18

TALK ABOUT IT

1. The word "integrity" comes from the word "integer," or whole. Why does integrity matter? What are some qualities of people with integrity?
2. The word generosity is the opposite of the word 'miser'. That's where we get the word miserable. Why does following the lust of the eyes ultimately make us miserable? What are some ways of generosity, compassion and kindness that would counter the world's materialism value.
3. Humility comes from the word humus. Meaning of the earth. Who is a humble person you know? Read James 4:6-10. Why is it a good idea to serve with humility?

ACT ON IT

This week, pay attention to the advertisements you see and/or the temptations you feel. Discern which value that temptation is flowing from. Also, make decisions to incorporate integrity, generosity and humility into your life.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.