

The Ten Commandments - Part 35: You Shall Not Commit Adultery - Part 2 (1/21/2023)

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Shabbat shalom. Currently, we are looking at the seventh commandment.

Exodus 20:14 — ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery, *lō tnə'āp̄*.

I want to begin today by going back in history to the year 1604. In 1604, a great commission went forth from the King of England to create a new and more accurate translation of the English Bible. They currently had the Geneva Bible, the Great Bible, and the Bishops Bible, but they wanted something superior to be brought forth. We call that work the King James Bible. It took seven years and 47 scholars to do this prolific work. Today, this translation is considered to be the most influential English Bible in the history of the world.

There were other people involved in this translation. The total number that assisted in the translation was probably around 60. John Norton and Robert Barker, the king's printers, were tasked with bringing this translation to the world. Barker is of particular interest to us because 20 years later he was again called upon to reprint the King James Bible, only this time he was joined by Martin Lucas.

The 1611 Authorized King James Bible made a dramatic impact on the world. Twenty years later, they reprinted this great translation, only there was a slight difference in the 1631 version. "They say," and I say that in quotes because I haven't counted it myself, but they say there are 788,280 words in the 1611 Authorized King James Bible. (The modern King James Bible has significantly less — about 783,000 words.) The 1631 reprint version had only 788,279 words, which was one less word than the 1611 version.

The missing word is found in our verse, Exodus 20:14, the seventh commandment within the Ten Commandments. The 1611 King James version reads, **Thou shalt not commit adultery.** The 1631 King James version said, **"Thou shalt commit adultery."** Notice any difference? The word "not" isn't in the 1631 version, and that dramatically impacts how you understand this.

Some years later, Peter Heylyn, an academic intellectual, preacher, chaplain, and author (his accolades run longer than we have time to talk about) commented on this event and what happened. This is worth sharing.

Peter Heylyn 1599-1662 — His Majesties Printers, at or about this time [1631/1632] had committed a scandalous mistake in our English Bibles, **by leaving out the word Not in the Seventh Commandment.** His Majesty, being made acquainted with it by the Bishop of London, orders were given for calling the Printers (Lucas and Barker) into High-Commission where upon the evidence of the fact, the whole Impression was called in, and the Printers deeply fined, as they justly merited. (Emphasis added.) Because of the omission of this one word, these printers who were tasked with the responsibility of reprinting the King James Bible were decimated. They lost their profession, stripped of their printer licenses, and fined. They were fined so heavily that I believe one of the printers was thrown into debtor's prison. This was all because of missing one word.

Today, there are copies of the 1631 King James Bible, and it is missing the word "not." Do you know what they call this Bible today? They call it the wicked Bible. Think about this. Everything else in this reprint is exactly how it should be. Every word in the Torah, the Prophets, Jesus' teachings, and the Apostle's writings are entirely intact except one word. Because of that one-word omission, the 1631 King James Holy Bible is now called the wicked Bible.

This gives me a whole new understanding and appreciation for Paul's words when he says — ⁹ **A little leaven leavens the whole lump** (Galatians 5:9). Just a little bit of leaven corrupts the whole document.

James 2:11 — We covered this, but listen again — ¹¹ **For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.** You could flip-flop that and say, "I haven't murdered, taken the LORD's name in vain, stolen, or bore false witness," but if you have committed adultery, you are brought under the law and under total condemnation. You may not like what I'm about to say, but if you do everything else right, yet get this wrong, all of it will be for naught.

Many years ago, there was a gentleman caught in adultery. His history was pretty amazing. He was an evangelist. He labored in the word; he labored in the gospel; he was generous; and he was doing it all right. When he was caught in adultery, he sloughed it off and said, "People shouldn't be judging me because I've done this. They should be looking at the person I've been and everything I've contributed and done for the kingdom. I'm not a bad person." It blew my mind, and it makes me think of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 33:13 — ¹³ **When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity,** — If an individual thinks they are walking in the Torah and doing everything right, but they are in bondage in one area of their life and haven't conquered or submitted that area to God, I kid you not, it will destroy you. Do not be deceived. — **none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die.** Let that sink in. When you are confronted with temptation and think about the sin of adultery, you need to have this reality in your mind.

I want to take this discussion to another level. To gain a real perspective of the term "adultery, *tnə'āp,*" let's look at Numbers 13. Most of you are acquainted with this event. The LORD commissioned 12 men to spy out the promised land. After the 12 men spied out the land, they returned, and ten spies gave a bad report.

Numbers 13:27-33 — It's interesting because at first, they declare the truth of God and say — ²⁷ **We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.** — This was exactly what the LORD told them it would be. It is amazing to me that they confirmed the word of the

LORD by saying that it was a land flowing with milk and honey, but then they added — ²⁸ Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large. . . ³¹ We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we. . . ³³ and we were like grasshoppers. . . in their sight. After the LORD had promised them that He would not just bring them into the land, but He would give them the land as an inheritance, the ten spies said that there was no way they could take the land. (Go to Exodus and read about what the LORD promised.) How did Israel respond to the bad report?

Numbers 14:1-3 — ¹ So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. ² And all the children of Israel complained against Moses (*Moshe*) and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” Do you see the impact of the lies and the bad report? Do you see how their lives were impacted by the discouragement Satan sowed amongst Israel? Israel believed the bad report, and they looked at God as though God hated them. They felt the only reason God brought them that far was because He hated them and wanted to kill them and their children.

Numbers 14:4 — ⁴ So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.” They are done with their relationship with God. They are done trusting Him and listening to Moses, *Moshe*, the mediator of this Covenant. They don't want anything to do with this anymore, and guess what? God heard this and was furious.

Numbers 14:22 — ²² . . . because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, — listen — **and have not heeded My voice**, — Heeding His voice was part of the Covenant. They had said, “All that the LORD has said we will do. . .” (Exodus 24:7). They agreed to listen to His voice, but now they're not listening to it — **they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.** (Emphasis added).

Numbers 14:33 — ³³ And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, — Now, this is the point — **and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.** (Emphasis added). Notice the LORD used the term “infidelity,” which means adultery. Isn't that amazing? The LORD described Israel rejecting Him, rebelling against Him, and being unfaithful toward Him as adultery. This is very significant. I could give you many more examples, but I'll just give you one more.

Jeremiah 3:8 — ⁸ Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had **committed adultery**, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. ⁹ So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery (*tnə'āp*) with stones and trees. (Emphasis added). Now, what is the LORD talking about? Stones and trees? He's talking about idolatry. They were trusting in false gods, a false hope, and in demons rather than the one true God. It's pure and simple idolatry, but the LORD didn't use the term “idolatry;” He used the term “adultery.” Why? Because Israel was married. Israel came into Covenant with the God of Israel. God proclaimed, “I will be your God, and you shall be My people,” and Israel proclaimed, “All that you say we will do.” The LORD gave them the terms of the Covenant, and it was ratified with blood. They were married.

Listen carefully because this is central to the point I'm going to make. There is a heavenly marriage that we see being displayed here, and there is an earthly marriage. If you want to have a successful marriage in this age, you must look to the heavenly template. The Apostle Paul said, **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.** (Ephesians 5:25). In other words, husbands, if we want to be good husbands and our marriages to work, our template is to do as Yeshua has done for the church, *ecclesiae* (Greek), *qahals* (Hebrew). He loved them unconditionally. This is an amazing love: a love that cannot be measured. We are supposed to draw from this heavenly marriage template and apply it.

Let's take it a step further. **Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the LORD.** (Ephesians 5:22). In other words, we are supposed to look at how Scripture defines heavenly marriage as the Church of Yeshua submitting to Him. That's the template for wives. So, do you understand there is a direct connection between the heavenly marriage and the earthly marriage? We should always look at the heavenly marriage for success in our marriages, and that includes Jeremiah 3 and Numbers 14 where God talks about His marriage and His wife committing adultery.

Every time you see the LORD using the term "*tnə'āp*" or the term "*zenuth*" where Israel committed harlotry, I challenge you to look at the context, and the fear of God will overwhelm you. What do I mean by that? When God spoke about their infidelity in the wilderness, the context that followed was their corpses were to be left in the wilderness. So, when the LORD brings out the term "adultery," we should shudder in fear knowing what follows.

What followed when the LORD spoke through Jeremiah that His people were committing adultery? God basically told them, "I'm married to you, but you're committing adultery against me." So, what happened to Judah? Using swords, the Babylonians slaughtered the Jewish people. It was a horrific sight. The last thing King Zedekiah saw with his two eyes was the king of Babylon lining up and slaughtering his two sons, his lineage, in front of him. Then just to make sure that was the last thing King Zedekiah ever saw, the king of Babylon carved out his eyes. Do you understand when the LORD uses the term "adultery," a hellish judgment and unimaginable pain and suffering follows? The more you understand how the LORD uses the term "adultery," the farther you will run from committing it here on earth.

Over the years, I have prayed with so many people who were in agony when their spouse committed adultery. There is one thing I have been told by multiple people who don't know each other. They told me the same thing, and it rocked my world. It was something I had to ponder and meditate on. It has given me a much greater appreciation for this horrifying concept of adultery, and that is the following:

Years ago, I was encouraging, counseling, and trying to comfort this gentleman because he found out his wife was committing adultery. And he told me the following, "Daniel, it would have been easier if my wife had died." I knew this guy well, and I knew he loved his wife more than you could measure. He told me, "It would have been easier if I had lost her in a car accident or if she had died for some health reason. I could deal with that more easily than I can deal with this. I didn't know a human being could experience this much pain." As he talked to me, I learned about the damage, destruction, and dark power of this sin. Women, who confided in me, have told me the exact same thing: it would have been easier if their husbands had died than trying to deal with the betrayal.

There is a reciprocal relationship between heavenly marriage and earthly marriage. We experience things in our earthly marriage that help us understand the deep spiritual reality of what God is

conveying. God, who is a jealous God, *el qanna*, uses the term “adultery” because He wants us to understand how much pain and agony He is in. And, unfortunately, this is something that is tangible. How this guy, who I was counseling, felt (he didn't know it was possible to feel that kind of pain) is how we make the LORD feel when we sin, including committing adultery here on earth. This is an amazing thought.

Next, I want to talk about what many people consider the most predominant story in all of Scripture regarding adultery: David and Bathsheba. This story will provide a unique platform to cover things we really need to tap into. There are aspects of this sin we need to understand. Furthermore, we need to understand how dangerous this sin is and the deception that is involved with it. This story will give us the ability to tap into that. We will not get through this today, but we will start with an introduction.

2 Samuel 11:1 — ¹ **It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.** This is how the author introduced the story of David and Bathsheba. Pay attention to this because there is a significant detail. “All Israel” means there was a skeleton crew left with just enough people to manage things and protect the king. All his mighty men were called away to war, and that included Uriah. This backdrop is significant to the story, and we'll get into that in just a moment. Moving to verse two.

2 Samuel 11:2a — ^{2a} **Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house.** (Emphasis added). Upon hearing the story of David, a lot of people think David couldn't sleep and woke at one or two o'clock in the morning and walked on his roof. That is not the case. Look at the Hebrew word for “one evening.” It is *lā'êṭ hā'ereḇ*. Most of you know *ereb* is talking about the going down of the sun. In fact, the Septuagint LXX translates it this way — **and it happened toward the evening.** (Emphasis added.)

I can tell you, especially just coming back from Florida, when I was on the beach watching the sunset, *ereb*, I could see for miles down the beach. Visibility was very good. This will prove to be an important piece to this puzzle for what David will do and see. The sun was going down, and David had clear vision.

2 Samuel:2b — ^{2b} **And from the roof** — As king, he had a commanding view of the city. His house was elevated, so he looked at things very easily, especially since the sun was setting, *ereb*, and it was still clear out — **he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.** (Emphasis added).

I want you to understand that everything that follows in this story culminates from this moment. This moment is of special interest and demands our undivided attention. It demands that we spend some time truly understanding what happened here.

The first thing I want to mention is important. When David rolled out onto his roof, the last thing he expected was to see what he saw. In other words, David did not go on his roof to intentionally spy on Bathsheba. Do you know how important this is to the story? Do you know how important this is to understanding temptation? Quite often, when the devil sets you up for temptation, you are taken by surprise and not prepared. It just hits you, and you must deal with it in the moment.

Having said that, let me add the following: I do not believe for a moment that the chain of events was coincidental. I believe the devil was in the details because the timing of the events just happened to be perfect. All the men of war were sent away, including Uriah, Bathsheba's husband. David just so

happened to walk out on the roof at the exact time Bathsheba was bathing. So, you better believe I see the devil in the details. You better believe the devil was looking for an opportune time to take the king out. The devil goes to-and-fro seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). He is a strategist and will hit you at the perfect moment. That's what happened in this story. David was hit at that perfect moment.

I want to highlight the most important part here: David saw a woman bathing. Do you notice the text does not say, "David saw the woman bathing and covered his eyes?" It doesn't say, "David saw her bathing and walked away." There's nothing in the text saying David hid his eyes or walked away because he didn't; what David saw, he embraced.

You need to appreciate how powerful of a doorway your eyes are to your very soul. They are a supernatural doorway. I can't tell you how many hours I've contemplated the reality that your eyes are portals into your heart and a way for the devil to access your soul. I can't emphasize this enough.

I think about how many unsuspecting men (like David who walked on his roof not intending to spy on Bathsheba) open their laptops, start working, and something pops up on their computer. They weren't looking for it, but now they are having a Bathsheba moment of a woman that's provocatively dressed or hardly dressed at all. The devil is setting this up to go after their eyes. Their eyes are central. He is putting things in front of these men to captivate them. With one click of a mouse, they're in a world of iniquity. With one click of a mouse, the devil sets the hook and gains worshipers.

If you are addicted to pornography, you are a worshiper of the devil. Don't deceive yourself. Don't kid yourself. I don't care how often you come to church or how many times you raise your hands; if you are dancing with the devil, you are not the LORD's. You are not under grace; you are under the law. The sad thing is David had a pornographic moment when he saw a naked lady bathing, and rather than running the other way, he embraced it. How many millions of men are doing this every day? Unfortunately, I'm not talking about the world. I am talking about how many men in the church are doing this yet have no idea that they are linking shields with demons and fraternizing with demonic powers? If you're in pornography, you have no understanding of what you've gotten yourself into because if you did, you'd be running for your life. Viewing pornography is a depth of darkness we can hardly describe.

Matthew 6:22-23 — Jesus, *Yeshua*, said — **22 The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.** (Emphasis added). If you set good things in front of your eyes, it breeds light. Isn't that amazing? When I set good things before my eyes with the right heart, like my time of study in the word, it comes into my eyes and bears light in the temple of God. **Or do you not know your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit...?** (1 Corinthians 6:19). But if you set dark things, evil and wicked things, in front of your eyes, your whole body is full of darkness. It's filth. It's a spirit of antichrist coming in to defile the temple of God.

And what does Paul say? **If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him.** (1 Corinthians 3:17.) God will not tolerate a defiling of His temple, yet this is the whole plight of the devil, and he knows how to get the job done. He will put everything he can in front of your eyes. **"Oh, be careful little eyes, what you see."** We need to guard our eyes.

Psalms 101:3 — **3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.** (Emphasis added). Do you know who wrote that? David. If there is anyone who

can speak to this, it is him. He knew the power of darkness. He knew what would happen if you allow dark things in front of your eyes; pure darkness will take over. So, David set nothing wicked before his eyes.

Job 31:1 — Job, a righteous man, said — ¹ **I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman?** Job shared the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. He made a covenant with his eyes because he wanted to be full of light and goodness. He knew how to protect himself. He knew what was at stake. The men and women that get caught in pornography do not know the cost. They are not counting the cost at all.

The Didache, an early, second-century Christian document, needs no introduction since we've already talked about it. Listen to this wisdom. Didache 3:3 — ³ **My child, do not be lustful, for lust leads to fornication. Do not be fouled-mouthed or let your eyes roam, for all these things breed adultery.** (Emphasis added). When you have shifty eyes, and you can't stop looking at things you should not be looking at, I know what's in your future: adultery. That's the heart of an adulteress/adulterer.

Let's go back to the garden. You read in Genesis 3:1-3 that the devil came to Eve and called into question the commandments of God. He said, ¹ . . . **Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'** Eve responded to the devil, ² **We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;** ³ **but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, — tree of the knowledge of good and evil — God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'** So, the devil called the word of God into question. Eve responded with the word: "God said, 'Don't eat it or touch it because I will die.'"

Genesis 3:4 — ⁴ **Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."** He said that God is a liar and His word is not true. This is what the enemy tried to convince Eve of. You might want to pay attention because this is how he operates today. He is convincing men that when they get involved in pornography, they will surely not die. There's no death at the end of this; there's no price to pay; there's no cost for any sin.

Genesis 3:5 — ⁵ **For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.** The devil convinces them that this is a good thing; you will only benefit from this. After talking to people who have repented of committing adultery, they will tell you that when they are in the moment, they had no concept of the impact their actions would have on their spouses and children. They had no concept of "the cost" because the devil wants to shield that.

Genesis 3:6 — ⁶ **So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.** (Emphasis added). It's amazing for me to think about the fact that Scripture links the fall of all mankind to the eyes. If you want to learn about sin, you need to study the garden. You need to study the interaction between the devil and Eve. You need to understand what happened. She turned her eyes to look at what was forbidden, and, oh, it was pleasant, and she saw it was good. The devil used the eyes.

2 Corinthians 5:7 — Paul said — ⁷ **For we walk by faith, not by sight.** In this situation, regardless of what she saw, Eve would have turned away if she had been walking by faith and believed what God said, which was not to eat the fruit because she would die. Instead, she was walking by sight and was convinced by the beauty of what she saw, and she heeded the lie of the devil that there was no price to pay.

Matthew 5:27-28 — Jesus, *Yeshua*, said — ²⁷ **You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’** — Next, *Yeshua* illuminated something amazing — ²⁸ **But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** (Emphasis added). You want to talk about blowing the roof off this discussion! *Yeshua* just revealed something even more terrifying than what we know about adultery, and that is the fact that adultery begins in the heart. You can become guilty before God based on the things you are meditating on in your heart. If men are looking at women and lusting after them, or if women are looking at men and lusting after them, do not be deceived; you are held guilty before the LORD. It is an abominable thing. This creates a very scary playing field.

When I start thinking about this, I think about Matthew 7:21-23 — ²¹ **Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.** ²² **Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’** ²³ **And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’** These people went out with the gospel, and *Yeshua* takes them by surprise and says, **“I never knew you. . .you who practice lawlessness.”** Make no mistake, some of those people will be the most adamant church goers, but because they had a carnival of debauchery in their heart, Jesus, *Yeshua*, will turn them away as adulterers and adulteresses. Do not take the words of *Yeshua* lightly; this is life and death.

David's adultery began on the rooftop when he embraced the gaze and started lusting after another man's wife. That's where the adultery started. That gives us dramatic insight into what adultery is and what it isn't. If it's in your heart, you need to repent. We need to let these words of *Yeshua* ring.

Think about that statistic we looked at in our last message: Infidelity Statistics (2022): How Much Cheating is Going On? — **74 percent of men and 68 percent of women admit they'd cheat if it was guaranteed they'd never get caught.** These people have already committed adultery. It's already in their heart. Even though the physical aspect hasn't happened yet, they are not innocent. They will be held guilty before God if they do not repent.

How many times have you heard me say the war begins and it ends in the mind? It is won and lost in the mind. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 — Paul said — ⁴ **For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,** ⁵ **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. . .** — exalts itself against the commandments of God. So, when the devil puts thoughts into your head that are contrary to the word of God, to the knowledge of God, deploy your weapons. What is the sword? It is a weapon, and the sword of the Spirit is the word of God. You better start deploying your weapons.

So, men, if you are minding your own business while getting some work done, and a picture pop up of a woman provocatively dressed or not dressed at all, deploy your weapons and replace that with the word of God. Draw into your mind that adulterers and adulteresses will not inherit the kingdom of God. Tell yourself, “I cannot take this stuff into my eyes and live. I will be full of darkness.”

Matthew 5:28 — Look at what *Yeshua* said — ²⁸ **But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** (Emphasis added). Out of anything that we can cover about adultery, these are the words you need to cling to. It always begins in the heart.

Then Yeshua offers this remedy. Some of you might not like this. Matthew 5:29 — ²⁹**If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.** Just so you understand: Yeshua is not kidding when he talks about you harboring infidelity, an adulterous spirit, in your heart. You will pay; you will be brought to the Lake of Fire; you will be destroyed. So, Yeshua said that whatever it takes, stop allowing this. If it's your eye, pluck it out. In addition, Paul said. . .**make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.** (Romans 13:14.)

If you are having problems while on your computer, get off your computer. I don't care if you lose your job. What is it to you if you gain the whole world and lose your soul? It's not that important. Whatever you are struggling with, maybe it's your cell phone, get off it. If you have no control and are currently weak in this area, the LORD will make you stronger the more you pursue Him. You will get greater and greater, and stronger and stronger at rejecting the devil.

James 4:7 — Have you ever noticed what James said? — ⁷ **Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** How do we resist the devil? It is only by submitting to God. Every time you compromise and submit to the devil, you have rejected submission to God. It's very simple. But in the moment, you haven't deployed your weapons. The weapons of our warfare are not being deployed. The wisdom of God isn't there because your flesh doesn't want to do it. Your flesh wants to destroy your soul. The devil wants to take you out.

So, we're going to close here.