

Daily Devotion For October 7, 2021

“Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us **cleanse ourselves** from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And **let us work toward complete holiness** because we fear God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1

One of the things that I appreciate about the Bible is that it is a very honest book. It tells us when our heroes mess up. As we have been studying the life of King David on Sunday mornings, we see how **David**, the man after God’s own heart, **committed adultery** and then committed **murder** to hide his adultery.

The Bible tells us, that after **Noah** filled an ark with a bunch of stinky animals, bobbed around in the ocean, and came to the new place God created for him, he went out and **got drunk**. The Bible also tells us that **Abraham**, the father of faith, **lied** on multiple occasions.

The mighty **Samson**, who could do supernatural feats of strength with the Holy Spirit’s empowerment, made many **bad decisions** and reaped the consequences. When we come to the New Testament, we read of **Simon Peter’s** sins and lapses.

Now, if it were up to me, I would have left all those unfavorable details out. But the Bible includes them because they happened. On the other hand, we read of other men and women of the Bible and don’t find any accounts of them compromising or struggling with any sin. It is not that they didn’t, but the Bible doesn’t mention it. We don’t know of any sin that **Joseph** committed, except maybe bragging to his family about his dreams and being a little too proud of his cool coat. **Job** was a man who was blameless and upright, a man who feared God and shunned evil. Also, we don’t read of any sin that **Daniel or his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** committed. So, we see that some believers struggled more than others. Here’s what it comes down to: we choose what kind of Christian life we want to live.

Thought For Today: If you want to live in constant struggle with sin, you can live that way. Or, you can live in newness of life by the power of the Holy Spirit, which has been provided for you by Jesus Christ through the cross. What kind of life are you choosing to live?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Thank God that He doesn’t give up on when we sin and fall short of his glory. Thank Jesus for his death on the cross to forgive us of our sins. Continue to add this week’s prayer fuel to your daily devotions. Deo Volente.