

Daily Devotion For October 3, 2022

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Galatians 5:19-21

Last week Sherry and I went down to Southern California while we had our house tented for termites. After having several companies give estimates, we went with the company that had a 5 Star rating on Yelp. Before we left the house we were told to clear a space around the perimeter of the house so that the tent would fit properly and allow the gas to penetrate the house. We were also told to bag all of our food items, medications, vitamins, etc.

If you have ever had termites, you know the damage they can do. You seldom see them, but they quietly eat away at the wood and if not taken care of they can weaken the structure and foundation of your house and maybe one day cause it to collapse.

In the Christian life there are things known as “Spiritual Termites.” These are sins that spiritually weaken the foundation of our Christian lives. A few of these spiritual termites are listed above from Galatians 5:19-21. Most often it is a sin that we've been tolerating. These spiritual termites can weakened and eat away at our spiritual lives and without a “spiritual fumigation” can cause our spiritual life to collapse.

Thought For Today: Is there a sin in your life that is weakening the foundation of your spiritual life? Maybe it is time for a spiritual fumigation. Take time to confess your sins and repent. Remember the word repent comes from the Greek word, “Metanoia”. “Meta” means to change, “noia” means knowledge or thinking. Thus, to repent means to change the way we think. Where we are going in one direction away from God, we make a 180 degree turn and come back to God.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Praise God that Bob McIntyre was on zoom for yesterday’s worship service. Pray for Joyce Gota today as she has her second cataract surgery. Continued prayers for Shirley Wong, Nancy Ichiuji, Alan Durant, and Tom and Lynn Gunter. Deo Volente.