

Daily Devotion For May 11, 2022

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. Galatians 5:16

Sunday night I heard a loud bang outside my house so I went out to see where the noise was coming from. As I looked opened the front door, I saw a raccoon had knocked over the garbage can for Monday's pick up and was rummaging through the garbage in search of food.

Raccoons have long been a problem in my neighborhood. The internet says that the raccoons sense of smell is so sensitive that Hot Chili powder, pepper, and Epsom salt among other things were helpful. So I went out and spread those things around the vent.

What kinds of pests would you tolerate in your home? I wonder, are you willing to tolerate unpleasant pests in your home? What unpleasant pests are you willing to tolerate in your life?

Paul reminded the Galatians that because of Jesus' death, they no longer should tolerate the pests of sin in their lives. Through Christ's death, the power of sin was broken. The Galatians had been set free from the yoke of slavery to sin. With this new freedom came the responsibility to resist the temptations of the sinful nature and the privilege to live in and according to the power of the Holy Spirit. When they willfully chose to do this, they would absolutely not tolerate the pests of sexual sins (Galatians 5:19), spiritual sins (v.20), and relational sins (vv.20-21) in their lives. Instead, they would bear fruit, and it would be evidenced in their attitudes and actions (vv.22-24).

Thought For Today: What pests of the sinful nature have you become comfortable with? Let's eradicate or terminate these sinful pest from our lives by reading God's Word, praying, and living in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that God would help you eradicate the pest of our sinful nature. Deo Volente.