

Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire

(FV) Jorge Garza

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Jack Wall

1st prayer Mike Mallett

2nd prayer Calvin Burks

Announcements: Judd Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

David Jones

Virginia Lovell

Janell Houts Hall

Odell Mallett

Dora Martinez

Mona Lancaster

Willis Hughes

Letha Sheldon

Ruby Jones

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

March 14th

Daylight Savings

March 20th

Spring Begins

March 28th

Noon Fellowship

Happy Anniversary

April 1st

Calvin & Tammy Burks

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall

Happy Birthday

Koh Stapp March 12th

Dennis Sheldon March 30th

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Emma Burks April 28th

Connie Mallett April 30th

Sentence Sermons

- Money can get you nearly everywhere except heaven and it can buy you nearly everything except happiness.
- When looking for faults, first use a mirror before using a telescope.
- Bad habits are like a comfortable bed; easy to get into and hard to get out of.
- Alcohol costs a man both his dollars and his sense.

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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7 Techniques for Breaking Sinful Habits

Are there sinful habits you'd like to break? Here are seven Bible-based techniques for breaking sinful habits:

Technique #1: Pray Don't overlook the power of prayer. James tells us that the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas 5:16). The word "effectual" comes from the word "energeo" from which we get the word "energy." James is telling us to pray actively and with energy. The first and perhaps most potent technique for overcoming sinful habits is to ask God for help.

Technique #2: Overcome Evil with Good Paul says in Romans 12:21 to "overcome evil with good. "When you feel the urge to give in to an evil habit, do something good instead. Write a letter of hope to a friend, call and encourage a brother, or visit someone who is sick. In other words, replace your sinful habit with a good work.

Technique #3: Surround Yourself with Good People We're told "bad company corrupts good morals" (1 Cor. 15:33). The opposite is also true: "good company corrects bad morals. If you have a sinful habit you're trying to break, then seek out the company of good people. Let their "goodness" rub off on you.

Technique #4: Confess Your Faults James 5:15 says "confess your sins to one another." Admittedly, confessing your faults and sinful habits will be difficult. You may be embarrassed by the prospect of others "finding out" about your weakness. But when you confess your failings to others, then they can help look out for you. They can counsel and comfort you as you work to overcome your bad habit.

Technique #5: Make Habits Impossible You may fall back into your sinful habit simply because sin is so accessible! Overcome sinful habits by eliminating or reducing your access to sin. Matthew 18:9 says, "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee..." If you've got a bad habit, make it harder to feed the habit! Look for ways to make sinning inconvenient rather than easy.

Technique #6: Think Good Thoughts The urge to feed a bad habit starts in the mind. Fill your mind with righteous thoughts and you'll reduce the chance that evil thoughts will blossom into sin. Follow Paul's advice: "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

Technique #7: Take One Day at a Time It takes only two weeks to develop a habit, but it takes months to break one. Don't despair! Rather than thinking how long it will take and how hard it will be to break the habit, learn to take one day at a time. Don't worry about tomorrow. Work to stop your bad habit today for "each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matt. 6:34).

- by Matt Hennecke

Sure, You Can Plug It!

Robert F. Turner

In my boyhood days my hometown in Kentucky was a "trade center". Each Saturday, and on "County Court Monday" farmers brought their produce to town and used the opportunity to trade knives, hound dogs, "\$2. Pistols" and hard liquor.

Most farmers were proud of their products. They guaranteed fresh eggs; and if you wanted a watermelon you could "plug it" before you paid for it. That deep red sliver from deep inside the melon, was your earnest of things to come.

And even today a reputable dealer stands behind his merchandise. He is happy to have you investigate his wares, for he believes in them. What would you think of a store that refused to allow its weights and measures to be checked against the standards? Who is angered by your desire to "plug" his product? Hmmmmm!!

But you and I know churches that are angered if their practice is questioned in the light of God's word, the admitted standard in religion. Is a preacher or elder to be trusted who by sheer weight of position or popular approval states his case then denies all appeals for proof from the scriptures? And what of those who refuse to read or study any other view? We hold that TRUTH is verified by an appeal to the STANDARD OF TRUTH. My conceptions of the church, its organization and work, will shine more brightly when investigated in the light of God's word --- if my conclusions are right. If I am wrong, yet truly desirous of serving God, the uncovering of my error is my gain - - something devoutly desired.

A proper attitude (humility) welcomes investigation and correction. But the arrogant, puffed with "party" pride, and those uncertain and fearful of their position -- these can not afford to have their doctrines "plugged." Plunge the sword of the Spirit into this melon, and its source of human tradition or "social gospel" is revealed. "Come Let Us Reason Together" is an empty slogan, for decoration of Bulletins, etc., but not for use. They are few who welcome the cry:

"Sure, You Can Plug It."