

I will set no worthless thing before my eyes.

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In Psalm 101: 2-3 we read: **“I will give heed to the blameless way. When wilt Thou come to me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart. I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not fasten its grip on me.”**

Is there a blameless way? This passage assures us that there is. Certainly the blameless was in not in the keeping of the Law, for as we read in Galatians 2:16, “For by the works of the Law shall no man be justified.”

The blameless way then is the way of the Cross. Only in Jesus’ sacrifice can we be assured that our sins are atoned for and that we therefore become blameless in the sight of God. We will never come to the point where we can say, “I have no sin.” For we must always bear this in mind: “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.” 1 John 1:8-10.

But we can walk in the blameless way of the cross. “If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7.

Walking in the light means not walking in darkness. The preacher records in Ecclesiastes 2:14: “The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness.” In other words, “The wise man sees, but the fool is blind.” Using our spiritual vision, we can see the danger and avoid it, while those who are blind walk straight into trouble. Proverbs 22:3 tells us “The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but the naive go on, and are punished for it.”

Herein is the message: If we are to walk in the light and not in darkness, we must walk within our houses in integrity of heart. According to Psalm 101, that means setting no worthless thing before our eyes.

So then, what are the worthless things? They are things (whatever they may be,) of which the Holy Spirit convicts us. If you know the Lord Jesus, then His Spirit will convict you of right and wrong. Be sure that you heed to His conviction and do not make excuses for yourself. Plainly this means that much of what the world calls “entertainment” is inappropriate for the believer.

Integrity begins in our homes. Practice in privacy what you know is right in God’s sight. Be the same man at home that you are at church. A double-minded man is unstable in ALL his ways (James 1). The Greek for “double-minded” is “di-psuchos” or “two souls/minds.” No man can serve two masters. The world wants to master you. If you

are a believer, then you are therefore guaranteed a conflict. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul writes: “For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.” Rom 7:19

I am fully convinced that most Christians already know what the worthless things are. But it takes courage to admit it and make changes. Even children know what is right and what isn't. “It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself if his conduct is pure and right.” Proverbs 20:11.

Why is it that so many believers lack boldness in their walk? Is it not because they have compromised their moral authority through unresolved guilt? But there is power in purity.

Change is required, and fortunately we are not alone in the process. The answer to the conflict that Paul describes in Romans 7 is found in Romans 8. Consider:

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” Rom 8:2-4

Let us hear the conclusion of the matter:

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.”
1 John 2:16-17