



WHOSE SLAVE ARE YOU?

ROMANS 6:15-7:6 * APRIL 16, 2023

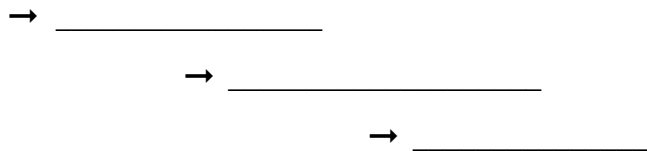
THERE'S NO ESCAPING THIS TRUTH

ROMANS 6:15-23

Anything you worship besides God promises much but _____ worse than nothing; the only benefit of idolatry is _____.

THE WARNING LABEL OF SIN

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33; GALATIANS 6:7; HEBREWS 12:1; ROMANS 6:16



SIN'S PROCESS: HOW IT WORKS

- ① _____ (1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2)
- ② _____ (JAMES 1:13-15)
- ③ _____ (JOHN 8:34)
- ④ _____ (1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20)

- ⑤ _____ (HEBREWS 3:12-13)
- ⑥ _____ (REVELATION 12:10; ROMANS 8:33)
- ⑦ _____ (HEBREWS 4:14-16)

AVOIDING THE TEMPTATION

ROMANS 7:1-6

- ① Change your _____, as in, physically move (flee from temptation!). (2 TIMOTHY 2:22)
- ② Do something else; almost _____ will do (a godly activity is best). (JAMES 1:17)
- ③ Express _____ for the freedom to choose Him over wrongdoing. (COLOSSIANS 3:15-17)
- ④ Try to recognize what _____ the temptation and take _____ steps to steer clear of the same situation.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What bad habits can control and damage a person's life?
2. Read Romans 6:15-23. You are a slave to something. How will remembering this statement help you next time sin tempts you? How does our slavery to God differ from our slavery to sin?
3. Why is it impossible to be our own master — enslaved neither to sin nor to God? How can we help others recognize this truth?
4. How would you use this passage to answer someone who says to you: "I don't like Christianity because it restricts my freedom"?
5. Read Romans 7:1-6. In chapter 6 and in this passage Paul uses baptism, slavery, and marriage to illustrate the differences between our old life and our new life. What common themes are emphasized in these illustrations?
6. How clear is the teaching of your church concerning the power God has given people to choose right over wrong? How can you help a fellow Christian who is struggling in this area?