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I Am Proud to Announce that I Have Stopped Sinning



There are two glaring problems with the above statement. One centers on the fact that PRIDE or SELF is at the root of all sin. The other would be truthfulness. That's a big fat lie. Well actually, I guess I've not STOPPED SINNING, I just make missteaks.

That too is a lie (intentional deceit). A "mistake" is NOT a sin. A "mistake" may be the result of sin, but determining that $1 + 1 = 3$ is not a sinful act or thought. (READ ROMANS 6-8)

As with all who are human, Pastors and church leaders share the struggle of a sin nature. How can a sinful man stand before others and declare the truth of God effectively? That's part of the mystery of salvation and service. Yet that is exactly what God has called Pastors to do. Many years ago, I had a pastor phone one Saturday night and ask if I could preach for him the next morning because he had just had a terrible fight with his wife. He knew he could not get in the pulpit with that unresolved sin in his life. It was good he was that honest and respectful of the pulpit. I was scheduled to speak at another church, so I could not preach for him, but we talked and prayed together. He did what was right, made things right with God, and his wife, and was able to preach the next morning. That's painful honesty before a Holy God and the courage to humble oneself before another we have wronged. That is when the power of God prevails. There is a direct correlation between POWER & PURITY. James 4:10 "Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." PURITY with God produces POWER with man.

One of the challenges in our American culture is that many pastors and church leaders have STOPPED struggling with sin and are simply yielding to its allure. I know one pastor who said, "I can commit that sin. I'll just ask for forgiveness." He was not a joking. He was serious. In time, his presumptuous sinful life and ministry proved the shallowness of his relationship with the Lord. Confession of sin as outlined in 1 John 1:9 involves "saying the same thing God says" about our sin. A flippant, casual, who cares, or nobody else will know attitude about our sin, negates the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in ministry. **Look for ways to encourage your Pastor and church leadership to stay faithful to their calling. Help them grow in the POWER of the Lord and His Might.**



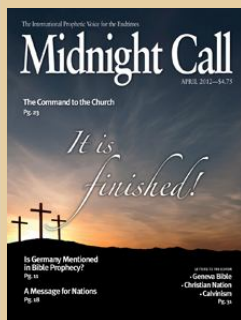
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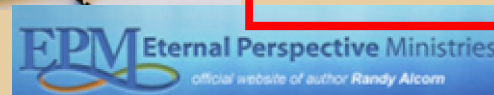


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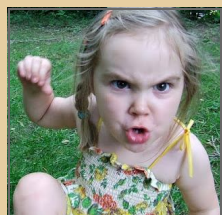
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Thoughts from Diane . . . Kindergarten

It was early into my first year of school. I was a mere five years old when I realized what an obstinate, willful and mean little girl I could be. My actions that day, created a memory that I can look upon and realize how God used it and many others to show me what a great gulf existed between Him and me.

My mother was getting me ready for school. As I was about to leave my mother grabbed her scarf, a flowery silk one that she often wore on a cold day and



proceeded to fold it into a triangle, place it on my head and tie it

under my chin. I remember being mortified (if you can imagine that) and threw a fit. I told her "No! I don't want to wear that!" I sat down on the front stoop of my house and refused to go to school. I cried, got angry and wouldn't move no matter what she said. Without belaboring the topic, I can tell you I paid for my choice when my father got home. What I remember the most was how I hurt my mom. It was not the first time and it definitely wasn't the last.

God has taught me over these past two years that, even though forgiven, that old nature continues to rear its ugly head. Last week, while reading an article from Midnight Call Magazine, God brought to my attention these words as written by Johannes Pflaum. "In recent years, it has become more and more clear to me that one of the things that is most underestimated in religious circles is the evil, sinful, human heart. This does not just apply to liberal evangelicalism. Even in Bible-believing churches, people do not want to acknowledge how abysmally evil our sinful nature is."

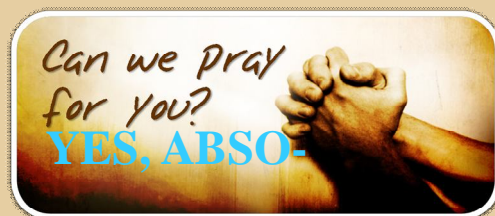
In my own life, there are times I am shocked at an evil thought about someone. Perhaps I felt that I've had victory in my life in an area that I thought I'd never have to revisit, only to be shamed that I've grieved the Holy Spirit once again. It might be a choice I'm faced with, knowing what's right and yet choosing to please the flesh. I know I'll face a battle each day and yet so often I seem go onto that battle field ignoring God's clear direction to put on His armor.

I know you battle the same sinful nature. I know you struggle as I do. Ephesians 4:30 "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." I would encourage you to start with reading this verse and then to go back and read the entire chapter. God tells us what He expects of His children. That would be me, and if you know Christ personally, that includes you. Together, we can have victory each day as we continue to let God's Word change us.



II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane

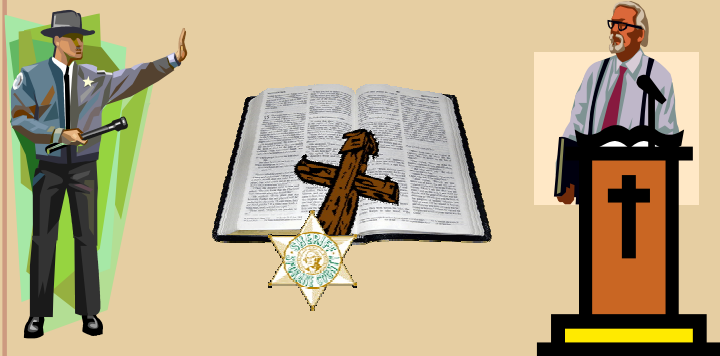
Partnering With Us In Prayer



- Please continue to pray for our son, George II.
- Continue to pray for Diane and health challenges. She just completed 17 days of antibiotics because of another bout with pneumonia
- Continue to pray with our board members as we seek God's wisdom for new members and the filling of leadership positions.
- Pray for continuing ministry opportunities and effectiveness.
- Continue to pray with us for new prayer and giving partners to strengthen our ministry effectiveness.

Our Continuing Mission Focuses On:

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March 12—Cedonia Community Church / AWANA Club

April 13-15—ALACCA Bible Conference, Adult Retreat, Harpster, ID

April 16—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Meeting, Spokane, WA

April 28—ESM Board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church Spokane Valley, WA

May 5—Mission's Conference, Elk Community Church, Elk, WA

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