

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: 1 John 1:8

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You may feel alone in the things you've done wrong today, but realize: everyone sins. We all do things we shouldn't. Certainly, the longer we follow Jesus, the more we should mature spiritually and walk in increasing freedom from the sin nature. In fact, the Holy Spirit indwells to keep us in the center of God's will and to convict us quickly when we err. So when we sin, our first response should be, "Lord, forgive me and help me never to do that again!"

But realize that at no point in our earthly lives are we ever beyond temptation. As long as we have human bodies, we are subject to physical desires that, if left unchecked, can lead us away from God's best and to destruction. This is why we must always be on guard, watchful, and careful.

While you may not be able to eliminate every bad influence, you can and must guard your thoughts and keep them from becoming impure. Refuse to harbor sin in your heart. No dalliance with iniquity is ever harmless, but always results in heartbreak. So ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk in purity and live a life that honors God.

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