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A Grueling Spiritual Battle

Luke 8:11-12

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Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. **12** The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. (ESV)

1. Know _____

2. Understand _____

3. Deploy _____...

A)

B)

C)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 4:1-6**. With the powerful spiritual opposition identified in v.4, what specifically in this passage would prompt the opening encouragement that those in evangelistic work should "not lose heart"?
2. Read **Mark 7:21-23** and **Romans 1:28-31**. What are some of the avenues in our culture that keep "debased thinking" well fed, which according to these passages precedes and guarantees the abundant flow of sinful actions?
3. Read **Ephesians 6:10-12**. Having already observed that the work of our spiritual enemies is not something "spooky" or "ghostly," how does this call to arms, with its related components (vv.13-18), help to clarify the arena of our daily battle?
4. Read **1 John 2:15-17**. What practical steps should you take to protect your thoughts in light of the truths in this passage?
5. Read **Deuteronomy 11:18-22** and **Colossians 3:16**. What can you do to more effectively immerse your mind in God's word?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

June 8th

2Chr.26-28 & Jn.17

June 9th

2Chr.29-31 & Jn.18:1-23

June 10th

2Chr.32-33 & Jn.18:24-40

June 11th

2Chr.34-36 & Jn.19:1-22

June 12th

Ezra 1-2 & Jn.19:23-42

June 13th

Ezra 3-5 & Jn.20

June 14th

Ezra 6-8 & Jn.21

June 15th

Ezra 9-10 & Ac.1

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 10-28 – **Acquiring a Clear Picture of What We're Praying For [in Evangelism]**

Msg. 11-62 – **The Position, Power & Activity of Satan**

Msg. 11-63 – **The Reality and Nature of Demons**

Msg. 11-64 – **The Present Work of Demons**

Msg. 11-66 – **God's People & the Defeat of Demons**

Msg. 05-25 – **Why Christ Being "Better Than Angels" is a Big Deal**

Msg. 13-17 – **Presenting Christ: Dealing with Objections**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.

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Lockyer, Herbert. **All the Angels in the Bible: An Exploration of the Nature & Ministry of Angels**. Hendrickson, 1995.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Page, Sydney H.T. **Powers of Evil: A Biblical Study of Satan & Demons**. Baker Books, 1995.

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