

SAYINGS, QUOTES, THOUGHTS and MAXIMS
From the desk of Pastor Mark - 2009

You can be a people person without being a people pleaser.

We walk by faith and not by sight—realize “sight” encompasses any of the physical senses or feelings.

Knowing the truth and living the truth are two different things.

Jesus came to set us free and give us eternal life.

Don't let your life be destroyed by something that happened to you that you couldn't possibly defend against or control.

Nobody this side of Heaven will ever know the sacrifices made by those who pioneered a church.

Get knowledge—then ACT on it in faith.

Another reason to attend church—there are people there that need you, and there are people there that you need.

Grace provides strength to do what's right, and it provides the power to overcome.

Reading your Bible, Praying and attending Church are perhaps the three greatest needs of the believer—so you'll be challenged in these areas.

Don't feed what God wants to kill.

Faith comes by hearing—and it goes by not hearing (*continually* hearing and *continually* not hearing).

Spiritual hunger is a key to spiritual progress—when you are hungry, you'll press into the things of God, and God will fill you up.

Self control isn't what you want to do; it's what you choose to do because you love God.

Sin is a state; Sins are an act because of the state.

It's none of your business what people think or say about you—it is your business what you say and think about them (especially when you know what they think and say about you.)

Tackle every problem with the revelation of who you are in Christ.

Accept as real and true apart from any physical evidence—Definition of believe.

Trying to be justified by works is like griping the sand—the harder you grip the more it slips away.

Love, Life and all the good things of God—it's all in you, so stir it up.

We are Blood bought and Word taught.

No guy is better than the wrong guy.

It's not that some don't care about others—they just love themselves more.

Nobody shows up but you and the devil when you have a pity party.

Sin always promises to please and serve, but in reality, it always enslaves and dominates.

The lesson of Haggai the Prophet: Sin is contagious, righteousness is not.

“All God's promises are conditional. His love is not conditional—His promises are.”
Ed Cole

Decisions translate in to energy.

The more carnal you are the more stingy and selfish you are.

I don't get what I deserve. Because of my faith in what Jesus did for me, I get what He deserves. Don't try and justify yourself. Just depend on Jesus.

Jesus (over and over again we read) was in the Synagogue on the Sabbath. Surely there were lots of hypocrites (Lk 13:15) yet Jesus went to church anyway, so those who don't go to church regularly or who don't go because of hypocrites are not following His example.

Lyrics from a David Engles song about David facing Goliath:

*I may look like a boy, but my sling's no toy,
and I know my covenant rights.*

Billy Sunday said, “Listen, I'm against sin. I'll kick it as long as I've got a foot, I'll fight it as long as I've got a fist, I'll butt it as long as I've got a head and I'll bite it as long as I've got teeth. And when I'm old, fistless, footless and toothless, I'll gum it till I go home to glory, and it goes home to perdition!”

Not being able to overcome sin is either a faith problem or a consecration problem.

Why Some Fail to Get Deliverance

Some seem to get immediate and permanent deliverance from sin, bad habits, sickness, and other troubles in life the first time they pray and turn to God. Others seem to have an indefinite struggle with certain conditions in their lives. Naturally, there is always a reason for this. The ones who get deliverance so easy simply believe the gospel and make a full and complete surrender of their lives to God. There is no reservation or holding back from God anything that they know should be given up for God. There is no hesitation concerning meeting the conditions that are plainly laid down in Scripture. They do not even think of holding on to some sin or bad habit and they do not concern themselves with desires to do so. They are completely submissive to the will of God. Therefore, their consecration is complete and definite enough to rid themselves of all that would hinder their getting from God what they want.

Those who are constantly struggling to get complete victory over sin will find that they are seeking to hold on to some habit, or that they are not willing to forgive someone and give up all for God. They have made certain reservations in their minds and have limited God and His promises in their own hearts. They think that it is going to be the hardest thing in the world to give up all the past sinful life in a moment of time. They are in a state of questioning and doubting to begin with. Their faith is not definite enough to make the full surrender all at once. They do not realize that a surrender to God will be necessary before they do get full deliverance. When temptation comes they do not resist boldly and vigorously enough to overcome. To some extent, they reason with the evil spirits who seek to overthrow them and gain possession of them again. The love of their former pet sins and bad habits has not been fully broken and they hesitate to make a total and eternal break with these things.

If they would resist when temptation first comes, then the victory would be won. The battle will never be fully won until they do renounce all sin and refuse to tolerate being bothered by demons. One cannot play around with sin and temptation and escape yielding to it for long. Temptation will grow stronger as thoughts are entertained concerning the former life. If one does have trouble with sin after he turns to God, he must go to God in earnest prayer. He must read the Bible and build up his spiritual life to the point of attaining a permanent and complete victory.