

SUNDAY—JULY 23

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 10:19-33

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The struggle between the flesh and the spirit of man has handicapped many. We get the idea sometimes that we can enjoy the best of both worlds. I've seen men living in sin do "good" things to try to appease their own conscience. It doesn't work that way. Christianity is not a system of rules and regulations—it's a relationship with God. My wife is not interested in sharing my affection with any other woman. Neither is our God. He wants your whole heart. He wants your commitment to Him. Its all about where your heart is. You can't live for the flesh and the Spirit at the same time—it just doesn't work that way. The best way to be right with God is to be right with God.

### QUESTIONS

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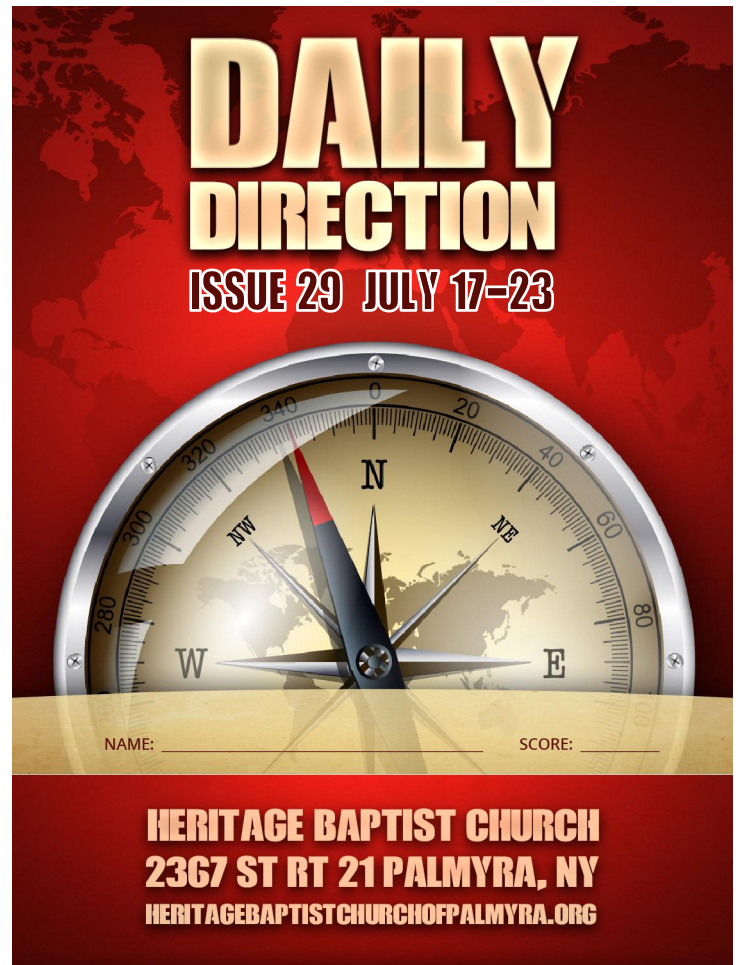
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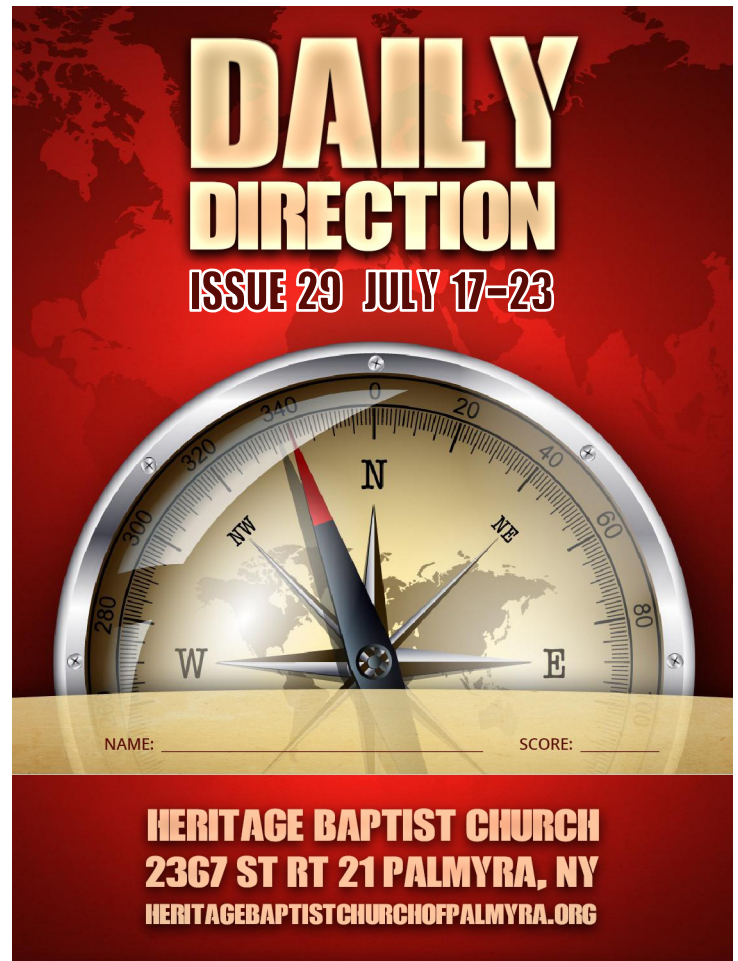
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*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Throughout chapter six, Paul mentions several sins that the believers in Corinth should have nothing to do with. In an attempt to try to drive home the point, he reminds them that “their” body is NOT “their” body—it belongs to the Lord. Our Lord Jesus created us and paid the price for our souls. My body is not mine to choose with what I join myself. I am the steward of a life that God has lent to me. The body I dwell in is the Lord’s possession and I have no right to pollute the Lord’s property with worldly, fleshly, sinful behavior! The next time you infect your body with the lusts of the flesh, remember to Whom it belongs.

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1. When Paul mentioned the former sins of the Corinthian believers, what three states <sup>(11)</sup> of being did they find them selves in now? <sup>(A)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*

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*Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.*

The word “plow” is a great word to describe the Christian life. It is a life of toil and sweat overcoming burdens and difficulties. Don’t get me wrong—it’s a wonderful life when done in the yoke with Christ, nevertheless God calls us sowers and soldiers. To encourage us, Paul reminds us of the fact that we should plow in hope! Our labor is not in vain. God will reward everything we do for His glory out of a heart of love and worship towards Him. No matter how fruitless our efforts may seem, God is keeping the score. I may not know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future—and that One who holds the future is the One that holds my hand, guiding all the way!

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- 9. What was “laid” upon Paul that compelled him to preach the Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_
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*Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.*

Immoral behavior has gone crazy in our society. There seems to be no respect for the privacy of one’s personal body. The touch that Paul is referring to here is the touch that lights a fire (9). There is a great desire in the flesh to indulge in the embrace of the opposite gender. The important thing to remember is that God made that enjoyment to be between a man and woman who have committed themselves to each other for life in marriage. Enjoying the benefits of marriage before that public commitment is dangerous and takes way from its sacred specialness. Save your first kiss for your wedding day! Save your first embrace. You will not regret it.

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In a day when so many are trying to figure out the exception to the rule, God's people need to decide that they are going to keep their vows! God wants those who vow before all that they will stay married 'til death do them part to do just that. We need a generation of Christians that keep their commitments. Just because someone else doesn't keep their promises doesn't mean that you have lower yourself to purger your own soul. If you don't plan on staying married for life, don't get married or change your vows to "til she does something I don't like." I'm so thankful that Jesus keeps His promise to me regardless of I how I treat Him! Let's follow His example!

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