

WHAT'S COMING OUT OF YOUR CONTAINER? - PT. 3

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Matthew 12:34-35 (NIV) 34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. 35 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

Evil is not limited to sexual sins, murder, or dabbling in the occult. The Bible says in Hebrews 3:12 - unbelief denotes an evil heart.

We have been studying God's divine design for mankind, and we have seen that God literally designed us to be a container. God created us with the capability and capacity to contain and display all three aspects of our human makeup (spirit, soul, and body), and He designed us to house all we would need to function in the earth to fulfill His purpose.

Our Triune Makeup

Genesis 2:7 - "7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Mankind was <u>created and made</u> a triune, tripartite, or three-part being. Our spirit and soul were created from the essence of God's Spirit, but our bodies were formed of the material earth God created.

I Thessalonians 5:23 AMPCE - 23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

I Thessalonians 5:23 AMPCE - 23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through Sanctify - "to set apart" — to make something different and distinct, it involves breaking old associations and forming a new association. We are to be sanctified or set apart to God's spirit, soul, and body.

[separate you from profane things, *Profane - worldly, ungodly things, things that defile and contaminate.* There is always something trying to make its way inside you.

God wants to separate us from things that can contaminate and corrupt what's in our container or corrupt the container itself.

II Peter 2:19-20 NLT - 19 They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. 20 And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before.

The corruption that contaminated them ultimately controlled them. There is always something trying to make its way inside you.

Galatians 6:8 - For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Galatians 5:19-21 ERV - 19 The wrong things the sinful self does (NKJV - the works of the flesh) are clear: committing sexual sin, being morally bad, (A view of the works of the flesh that can morally corrupt us.)

- 1. Dishonesty: failure to be truthful and transparent in interactions.
- 2. Disrespect: failure to treat others with dignity and not valuing them
- 3. Indifference: lack of concern, sympathy, or kindness towards others.
- 4. Irresponsibility: lack of accountability for one's actions or for fulfilling one's obligations.
- 5. Unfairness: failure to treat others equally and justly, a showing of favoritism or discrimination.
- 6. Unforgiveness: holding on to resentment and not allowing for second chances.
- 7. Fainthearted: fear to stand up for what is right in the face of adversity.
- 8. Disloyalty: unfaithful and unsupportive; lack of devotion
- 9. Selfishness: an unwillingness to give time, resources, or support to others without expecting something in return.
- 10. Pride: having a false opinion of oneself or one's importance.

doing all kinds of shameful things, 20 worshiping false gods, taking part in witchcraft, hating people, causing trouble, being jealous, angry or selfish, causing people to argue and divide into separate groups, 21 being filled with envy, getting drunk, having wild parties, and doing other things like this. I warn you now as I warned you before: The people who do these things will not have a part in God's kingdom.

I Thessalonians 5:23 - make you pure and wholly consecrated to God];

Consecrated - dedicated wholly to God and set apart for His service and purpose. It is living a holy and obedient life by relinquishing worldly attachments and desires.

We can't live consecrated to God when we are constantly and continually allowing ourselves to be contaminated by this world system, which is influenced by the evil one, satan.

John 12:31 NKJV - "the ruler of this world" (kosmos - world system or order)

Satan is an influencer in this world system.

Influencer - someone who is able to persuade a lot of people to do the same things that they do. Influencers have specialized knowledge, authority, or insight into a specific subject or specialty.

Satan's specialty - the use of deception that leads one to disobedience.

Deception I Timothy 2:14 NLT - The woman was deceived, and sin was the result.; Revelation 12:9

NKJV - Satan, who deceives the whole world; II Corinthians 11:14 NIV - Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.; John 8:44 NIV - he is a liar and the father of lies.

Disobedience Genesis 3:1-7; Ephesians 2:2 NIV - 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.