

The Fight of Your Life

Getting to the Root of My Sin Problem

"... Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

- Mark 7:18b-23

When "Want To" and "Ought To" Don't Match (From Taste And See, John Piper)

1. You can _____ about the "ought to" ...
2. You can _____ the "ought to" so that it sounds just like your "want to" ...
3. You can muster the _____ to do a form of the "ought to" when you don't have the heart of the "want to" ...
4. You can feel proper _____ that the "want to" is very small and weak, and then do the "ought to" by the exertion of the _____, while repenting that the "want to" is _____, and praying that the "want to" will be restored ...
5. You can seek, by the means of grace, to _____ the "want to" so that when the time to do the "ought to" comes, you will "want to" ...

Some Presuppositions:

Beating _____ is about more than overcoming _____. (I need more than "_____".)

_____ cannot exist where _____ does not first exist. Temptations only point out _____ to fulfill desires I already have.

_____ is at the root of all _____. We all do what we _____ to do.

So, if I want to change an _____, I have to first change the _____ that drives it.

How do I begin to do that?

_____ – The _____ of a _____ Heart

What regeneration is: (Jeremiah 17:9 → Ezekiel 36:26-27)

What regeneration does: (2 Cor. 5:17, Acts 13:39, Romans 8:1-2, 1 John 2:29, 3:9, Romans 8:28-30)

_____ – The _____ of a _____ Heart

Sanctification is not about _____, but about _____.

By ...

Reflecting on, reveling in, and remembering the _____ ...

Being regularly _____ ...

_____ to our first and greatest love ...

A Closing Prayer: Ephesians 1:15-23