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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

The Casual And Careless Attitude About Sin

I have heard many people say, "Well they have to get there", "people are just people" or "God knows my heart." All these saying are true and possibly excusable (only God knows), but when we **habitually** sin and have a mindset that "I'll get it together one day", You must ask yourself why did the Apostle James write we are not guaranteed tomorrow. (**JAMES 4:13-17**) I ask that we focus on **verse 17** closely! We live in sin and we can't possibly escape from this fact! That is why Jesus died for us. When we practice or habitually sin, we become slaves of sin. Sin is bondage that without Christ, we can't overcome because we are gradually sinking deeper and deeper. This type of behavior can cause God to turn us over to a reprobate mind. Many attempt to determine His level of mercy. My brother and sisters we cannot afford to have a casual or careless attitude about sin! This is truly serious!

ROMANS 6:12-19 NLT – (12) Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. (13) Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. (14) Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. (15) Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! (16) Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. (17) Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. (18) Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. (19) Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

Will God forgive us for our sins? **1 JOHN 1:9 NLT** – (9) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse us** from **all** wickedness. There is the answer. **Genuine repentance!** Don't live your life thinking it's o.k. until. You will live your life deceived. God's word does not have compromises to entertain how we feel. Don't be casual or careless about sin. Instead have a serious and structured attitude of how it displeases God and affects our way of life.

For those who disagree that they are living with a casual or careless attitude about sin, I leave the word of God to speak to you in its **Divinity**. (**1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10; GALATIANS 5:19-21; COLOSSIANS 3:25; EPHESIANS 5:5 AND 1 JOHN 3:5-10**)

SCRIPTURE READING
PROVERBS 14:18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
It's much easier to get into trouble than to get out.

