

# The enemies of your own house

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Conquest is futile if you must defeat yourself to win. This is the irony which brings frustration to the mightiest warrior. How to gain victory without paying the ultimate price? Perhaps one should count up the cost before choosing to engage the enemy. Not all battles are won in the usual manner. Some times neither one wins nor neither opponents loose, and a truce is reached to end the conflict. At other times, someone falls to the challenge of the greater without their life in the process. When war is waged within, it is necessary to know the rules of engagement before the first assault is made.

This is not an expose' on self mutilation, or dealing with the horrors of demon possession; we only want to examine certain realities surrounding self esteem and personal confidence, coupled with mood swings and destructive attitudes. Can we confront ourselves and label the "enemy mine;" knowing that truth is the only factor strong enough to help us look deep within to see what's hiding in our own heart. No excuses. This is the only statement strong enough to move us forward, breaking the deceptive images glaring back at us from the mirrors in our life.

Image, you are fighting a part of your own identity. What happens

when you vs. you?

What part of you should claim the victory, while another part of you claims defeat?

This is the age old question resounding throughout the universe. The battle began long before you or I was ever thought of. Since woman was separated from man, contentment has been the greatest prize desired among men. There must be another way to resolve the issues of relationship, short of celibacy. It's easy to blame the spouse you are connected to, but sometimes we are more messed up without them.

Now it's time to look into the perfect law of liberty and apply it to our soul, for the necessary healing which brings peace within.

If you're tired of inflicting misery upon yourself without conquering that alter-ego, determined to keep you frustrated; look with me at our creator's manual for problem solving. Remember as we are looking, not to make abstract observations, disconnecting us from the solutions because they are biblically based.



Romine

The Bible states: "But who so looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." — James 1:25

The Apostle Paul fought a similar battle in his time and spells out the solution in Romans chapter 7. "For that which I am doing I allow not: and what I would do, that I do not; but what I hate, that is what I do. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I cannot find.

For the good that I want to do, I don't do: but the evil which I don't want to do, that I do. Now if I do what I don't want to do, it is no more I that am doing it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

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# Happiness from giving of self

Dear Dr. Brothers: I grew up in relative poverty where nothing came easily, and against the advice of many, I married a guy of a totally different class — he'd had everything, including a long background of wealth. After 15 years, our relationship with each other and our family of two lovely daughters could scarcely be better. But now that the girls are in their late adolescence, I worry. I worry because they and their friends are so self-centered and selfish. Their weekly allowance is the same as what our family would have lived on for a month. I don't resent this, but all this spending isn't making them happy or adjusted. What can I do? I love them so. — E.C.

**Dear E.C.: Greed and materialism don't lead to happiness, and many schools are beginning to address this with new courses in what is called positive psychology, and one of the first lessons being taught to students is known as "The Scientific Pursuit of Happiness."**

As far as I know, this new approach to self-involvement emphasizes the importance of young people viewing themselves in the world — in other words, extending their interests and their life goals into something larger than their own limited area of privilege in which they may live. At this time, I believe these courses are only being taught in colleges, in-



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**cluding George Mason University, Harvard and Princeton, and the concept of finding personal fulfillment and happiness by sharing and caring for the less fortunate is attracting educators all over the country.**

**I see no reason it won't soon include much younger students in middle school, perhaps beginning in kindergarten — not as a religion, but as smart psychology.**

Dear Dr. Brothers: My husband and I have three children, the eldest in middle school. They're much loved by both of us, but they're beginning to sense that all isn't right, because my husband and I have been having nonstop arguments about my desire to add to our family. His anger and lack of understanding for my wanting and insisting on having more kids is making me so upset that I'm in tears most of the time. He keeps moaning about how he's working too hard now and how we can't afford it, but I'm thinking of forgetting about my birth-control pills and going ahead anyway.

Shouldn't it be the woman's decision, since she's the one having it? — L.B.

**Dear L.B.: Forgive me for saying this, but I think it's insensitive of you to contemplate going against his wishes on this question, under the circumstances. I also think it would be helpful to you and your battle with what I think is daily depression if you'd try to analyze why you feel so strongly about this question, In answer to your question, I believe both partners should agree on the decision of parenthood, since having a child has a direct effect on both, and both need to be able and willing to make the sacrifices necessary for a newborn to come into a world in which he or she is going to receive enough care and love to be able to grow and thrive. I suspect that the true root of your current problems may be more related to your dissatisfaction with yourself or your relationship than to the desire for having another child.**

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# Norton High reunion set for Sept. 7-8

## Norton Telegram

Norton Community High School Alumni Reunion is being planned for Sept. 7 and 8. All alumni, teachers and anyone who attended Norton schools are invited to attend. Plans are to attend the Bluejay

Booster Club hamburger feed and Norton high school football game on Friday, Sept. 7.

There will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Junior High School cafeteria.

Saturday evening dinner and vis-

iting will be held at the Norton American Legion.

To make your reservations or for more information contact Sonya Montgomery 713 Van Horn, Almena, Kan. 67622 or call at 785-669-2145.



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# DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, ***"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house"***

Remember:

Hell's Hot  
Life's Short  
Death's Sure  
Eternity's Long  
and, "There Ain't No Exits in Hell."

**NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE**

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain."

Exodus 20:7

Anyway that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in I Timothy 2:5 saying "For *there* is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than **believing**. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ. **The Only Mediator between God and man.** Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first you **believe** in **Jesus Christ** as **your Lord and Savior**. By **believing** as Acts 16:31 indicates you are **saved!** Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I **do** to be saved? God answering through Paul said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by **believing only**. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born *of* water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe**.

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe**, in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man **believeth** (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or repeat this prayer after me", instead of **believing** John 3:36: "He that **believeth** on the son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. <sup>40</sup>But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. <sup>42</sup>And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. <sup>43</sup>And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. **You don't fool Jesus.** Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or **anything** first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with **believing**, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe**. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 <sup>18</sup>For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things. God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: <sup>19</sup>And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein — nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe**. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," **believe**. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

<sup>1</sup>All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge: Cambridge) 1769.