

Wednesday Minute, "Winter Weeds" February 5, 2020

""But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die." Ezekiel 18:27-28 NIV

Read: Ezekiel 18:21-32

It is the middle of the winter and I have a green lawn. But, there is no grass. But, there are plenty of weeds from fence to fence. I did not plant the weeds as it appears I did.

The seeds of the weeds were brought in by the wind and birds and have laid dormant during the heat of the summer. These winter weeds need the cooler temperature and moisture to sprout and take over. And they have taken over.

We have something else that all too often sits dormant in our lives...sin. Sin waits for the time to sprout and take root when we least expect it. Our lives go from what we think is all O.K. to trouble. Just like my yard, green with weeds, the sin takes over our lives.

Sin gains control as we allow it. Being complacent and allowing sin around us to exist without doing anything is a sure way for sin to overcome. Just as the seeds of the weeds waited until it was their time to sprout, the seeds of sin are abundant and will sprout at the time we allow them. With sin a part of our nature, we must keep control of it.

All sin must be recognized for what it is. Sin is never beautiful, not even attractive. That is where we fall. When we see sin as desiring in any manner, it takes control of us. We are instant victims when we see sin and think we can deal with it and still be in GOD'S grace.

Take a sickle and hoe to the first sign of sin just as you would a weed. Cut the sin out of your life when you first see it. Remove it before it grows and produces more sin seeds that will hurt you and others.

Do you have sins sprouting in your life? You can't deal with sin alone. It takes the strength of the TRINITY. Your strength alone is too weak. Pray now. Ask for the help of your loving GOD to take the temptation of sin from you.

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for being willing to take the sin out of my life. It is by the blood of JESUS that my sins are forgiven. Still, when the temptations return, I am safe from the evils of this world protected by the strength of my loving GOD. Thank YOU, LORD! Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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