



**Family Devotion #24**  
For the Week of March 4, 2018

Beloved,

In our Sunday morning messages we have been focusing on Romans chapter six. In this chapter Paul writes in verse four, . . . *so we too might walk in newness of life*. He further instructs that in Christ our old self was crucified with Him so that we would no longer be slaves to sin. He warns the Christian to not let sin reign in your mortal body for now you are not under law but under grace.

When the believer gives the lordship of his or her life to Christ Jesus, is obedient to sound biblical doctrine, and gives himself or herself as slaves to righteousness, the result is spiritual sanctification.

The believer who has been freed from sin and is now enslaved to God has the benefit of sanctification that has the outcome of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul makes it clear that the believer is still in a struggle with sin. His or her soul is eternally secure, however, the believer will continue to struggle with the old sin nature.

Below you will find a list of twelve ways Satan tries to defeat Christians. Please take time to review Romans chapter six with your family. Finally, look over the list below by Dr. David Jeremiah to see if there are any ways that Satan may be trying to defeat you in the process of sanctification.

### **Twelve ways Satan tries to defeat Christians. By Dr. David Jeremiah**

- 1 Keep them busy with non-essentials.
- 2 Tempt them to over spend and go into debt.
- 3 Make them work long hours to maintain empty lifestyles.
- 4 Discourage them from spending family time, for when homes disintegrate there is no refuge from work.
- 5 Overstimulate their minds with television and computer, so they cannot hear God speaking to them.
- 6 Fill their coffee tables with newspapers and magazines, so they have no time to read the Bible.
- 7 Flood their mailboxes with sweepstakes and promotions, get rich schemes, keep them chasing material things.
- 8 Put glamorous models on tv and magazine covers to keep them focused on outward appearances, that way they'll be dissatisfied with themselves and their mates.
- 9 Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy, that way they'll be tempted to look elsewhere.
- 10 Emphasize Santa and the Easter Bunny that way they are diverted from the real meaning of the holidays.
- 11 Involve them in good causes so they won't have time for eternal causes.
- 12 Make them self-sufficient, keep them working in their own strength so they will never know the joy of God's Power working through them.