



"The Bondage Project"

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"The night is far spent, the day is at hand.

Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts"
(Rom. 13:12-14).

"STOPPING LUST BEFORE IT CONCEIVES"

The Necessity of Resisting Temptation at Its First Appearance

James 1:13-16; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Genesis 39:7-12; Galatians 5:16

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Introduction

1). The Deadly Progression of Lust

Desire → Enticement → Conception → Sin → Death

James 1:13-16

2). When Lust Attacks the Mind

Capturing and replacing the thought before it takes root. 2

Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8

3). When Lust Enters Through the Eyes

Turning away before the first glance becomes the deliberate second look

Job 31:1; Matthew 5:28-29

4). When Lust Finds Us Alone and Vulnerable

Fleeing the place of temptation before desire becomes action

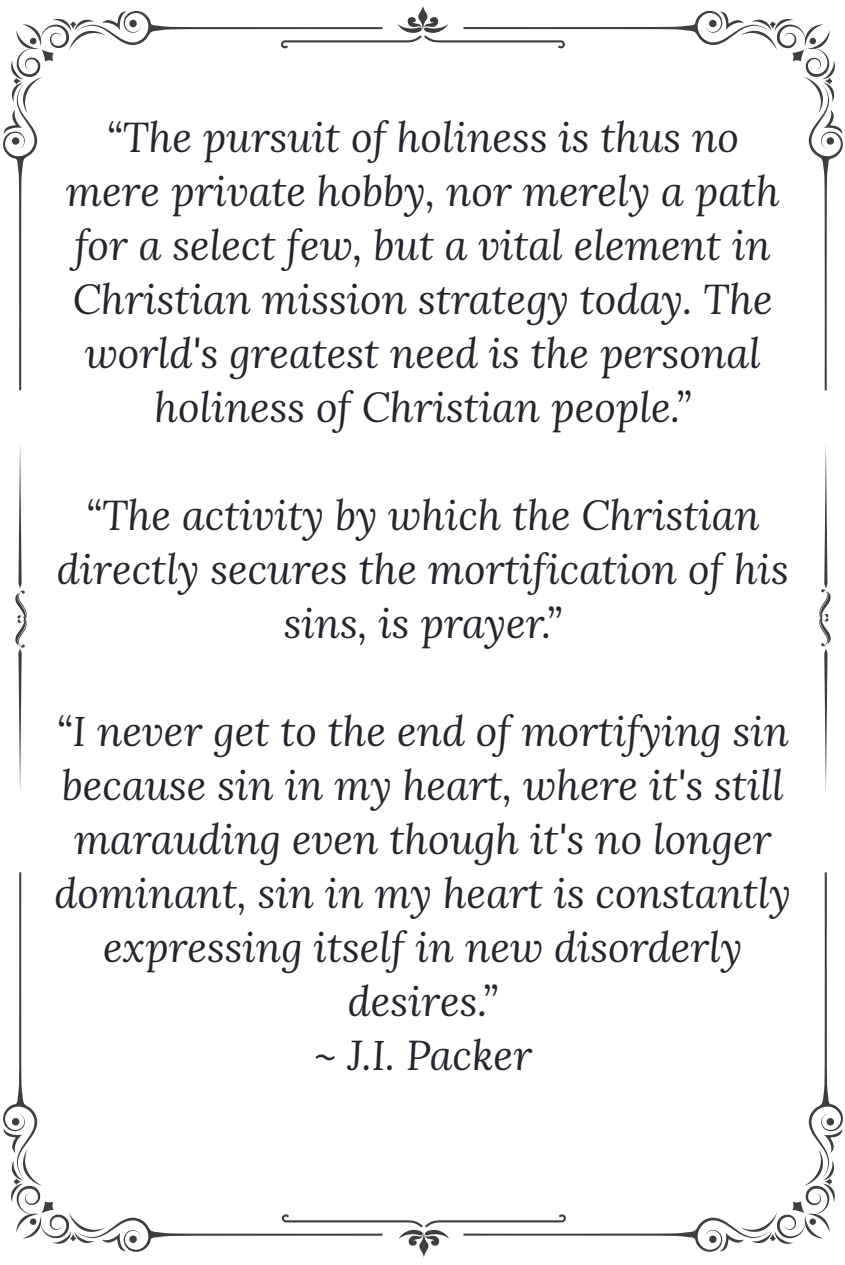
Genesis 39:7-12; 1 Corinthians 6:18

5). Training the Heart for Immediate Obedience

Walking by the Spirit so that resistance becomes the practiced response of faith

Galatians 5:16; Romans 13:14

Applications



“The pursuit of holiness is thus no mere private hobby, nor merely a path for a select few, but a vital element in Christian mission strategy today. The world's greatest need is the personal holiness of Christian people.”

“The activity by which the Christian directly secures the mortification of his sins, is prayer.”

“I never get to the end of mortifying sin because sin in my heart, where it's still marauding even though it's no longer dominant, sin in my heart is constantly expressing itself in new disorderly desires.”

~ J.I. Packer