
Ephesians 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Gal. 6:14 Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus...

Proverbs 27:2 Let another praise you and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.

1 Thess. 2:7 ...we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother taking care of her children.

Predatory Way Turnaround

Change strategy: – Alligator to _____.

Colossians 3:12 Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Prov. 14:22 Do not those who plot evil go astray But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

Ecclesiastes 2:26a To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness...

Verses for Life Groups: Compare and contrast Galatians 6:5-10

Key: Page 3: collie. war horse. Page 4: white fang.

Building a Better Way

Reversing Self-Defeating Strategies—part 4

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3 Root Problems:

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- Folly, Madness, and “Evil”

5 Self-Defeating Strategies

- 1. Easy Way 2. Reactive Way

3. The Fun Way. “sacal”

Attitude:

Characteristics:

Major tool:

1 Samuel 13:11-12... “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling... I thought, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord’s favor.’ So I felt compelled to offer the burn offering.”

1 Samuel 13:13 “You acted foolishly,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom forever.”

Jer. 5:21, 25 Hear this you foolish and senseless people who have eyes but do not see; ears that do not hear. Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good.

Prov. 21:17 He who loves pleasure will become poor...

4. The Glory Way. "Halal"

Attitude:

- *Psalm 75:4-5 I said to the arrogant "stop boasting" and to the wicked, "do not lift up your horns. Do not lift your horns against heaven; do not speak with outstretched neck."*

Characteristics:

- *Psalm 75:6-7 No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man. But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.*

5. The Predatory Way. "Nabal"

1 Sam. 25:25 "My lord, pay no attention to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name is Fool, and folly goes with him.

■ Attitude:

Characteristic:

Isaiah 32:5 No longer will the fool be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected. He practices ungodliness and spreads error concerning the Lord; the hungry he leaves empty and from the thirsty he withholds water.

Fun Way Turnaround

Change strategy: From dodo to _____.

- *Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man sees danger ahead and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.*

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

- *Galatians 6:5 ...for each one should carry his own load.*

Gal. 6:9 Don't become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Glory Way Turnaround

Change strategy: from peacock or wild horse to _____.

Matt. 20:26-27 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave.

- *Matt. 20:28 ...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another. Honor one another above yourselves.
