

your blood." A strong statement. You say, I just can't help it. The answer generally is, Rest in the Lord; look for His strength. He will enable you to succeed. But there is also this vital truth that you must do your best, if you expect the Lord to help you. You have not yet resisted to the shedding of blood in your struggle against sin.

We are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses(ch.11) Let us throw off every sin and the sin that so easily entangles us. We all have the question of what are spoken of as the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, the pride of life. These refer to three phases of life which properly handled are vital and necessary. God does not command us to go without food. God does not command us to abstain ordinarily for that which is required for the satisfaction of life. He does not ordinarily. There are cases where He does. But how easy it is for us to go beyond the point of what we need, for our bodies. How easy it is for us in several of different aspects to do this and to get to the point where it becomes sin.

He says, You have not yet resisted to blood in your struggle against sin. The lust of the eyes. How easy it is for us to get concerned about what we're going to get for something, our possessions. My wife was thoroughly disgusted once which an old seminary friend of mine--she and I were together once where we happened to run on to this fellow. He told us he's now the pastor of a large city church. I'm sure he was giving good Christian in his sermons. I think he was doing a real Christian work. As he talked he described his problem with getting (he had a large church) with getting his helpers to visit the people and deal with them in an effective way.

So he said; Instead of paying my people, my staff simply on a weekly basis, I gave them so much for every person they visited who comes back to another church service! If the person comes to another service--prayer meeting, or an evening service--in addition to the morning service, I give them double as large a bonus. He said, most of his staff was working twice as hard. You ought to see how the crowds are increasing in the church!"

My wife was utterly disgusted. She said to me afterwards, What a low motive for getting these people to work as they should. But let me ask you, If I were to give you \$20 for every person that you ask if they knew how to be saved, and presented the way of salvation to them. If I were to give you \$40 for every one who after you dealt with them said, Yes, I want to receive Christ as Saviour, would you be more active in doing the Lord's work and reaching more souls for Him than you are now? The lust of the eyes.

God does not ask us to go without anything. He does not tell us not to plan and prepare for the future. He expects us to. How easy it is for us to let possessions become a goal that affects us to an extent which it should not. Of course the same is true of the pride of life. God wants us to have an awareness that we are sons of God, that we have received this tremendous treasure from him, that we are individuals who will live through