



GEORGE

18th March 2018

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Voortrekker Hall - 56 Caledon Street, George

Sunday : Main Service 10 - 11 AM

Tuesday Bible Study : 18H30

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2 Tim. 2:15

2 Tim. 3:16-17

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All That Glitters is not Gold

Dee Bowman

Many years ago, my brothers and I went to New York City. We arrived very early in the morning. We could not wait to get our bags into our room and get our first look at Times Square. I shan't soon forget the sight. It was as if we were immersed in a sea of lights. There were lights that cascaded like water falls, lights that sparkled like Christmas, lights that wrote messages, lights that twinkled.

There were pulsating lights, performing lights, lights that made little paths around huge pictures of people. The scene seemed to take you along with it, whether you wanted to go or not. It was as if you were in a current the strength of which was so overpowering you had no resistance.

Society is like those lights. It has a strong attraction. It pulls people with great subtlety. You're caught up in the flow of it before you know it; and when you're in the flow, it takes great power—more than most of us have—to dislodge yourself.

With its various methods of seduction, society invites us into the slime pit of sin. It accomplishes this by making sin attractive. If sin were left to its own, nobody would get involved in it. It promises things; it holds out a certain satisfaction. Sin is never presented to you in its bare form. It's always dressed up in something. And the trap-pings are well thought out. The Devil is a master of disguises. He conjures up all manner of packages in which to place this most deadly enemy of mankind. When he has it just right he presents it with deadly skill. You can be in it before you know it.

How do we fight this kind of attraction? What can we do?

Get to know yourself. Each of us is different. Each has his own vulnerabilities, his own weaknesses. Only when you get to know yourself can you prevent the hypnotic spell. Paul said, "Examine yourself..." (I Cor. 13:5). Such an introspection is private; no one can do it for you. It takes an amount of courage, a sort of "push yourself" attitude. The Devil would like you to just "go

with the flow," and "not fight against the feeling." But when you know yourself, you're able to guard against getting into trouble before you know it.

Decide what's important. The Devil wins lots of folks simply because he convinces them, ever so subtly, that it's OK to major in minors. How often we dedicate ourselves to that which is of so little value. How does he do that? Well, he just dresses it up so that you can't see it for what it really is. How many people have been deluded into thinking that life consists of the abundance of the things possessed? (Cf. Lk. 12:15) How many times have fame and material things blinded the vision of some unsuspecting person? After all, success is important isn't it? Sure it is; but only if it's real success—the kind that relates to the eternal.

Stoke up the message. The word of God is the key to overcoming the Devil. Jesus proved that when He was tempted by Satan (Matt. 4). His answer still works today. But if you've not stored up the information, you can't use it when the moment of disaster is near. "It is written" cannot be used by him who doesn't know that it's written. Store up the information and be ready. It's a war, folks. And we can't fight it without the armaments necessary for the conflict (Eph. 6:11-ff).

Take control of your own life. It's amazing how easy it is to surrender yourself. Almost without thinking you can surrender yourself to some hobby, to some project, to some dominant personality, to some movement of some sort. That's how the Devil's process works. It's like those lights—you're mesmerized before you know it. Paul told the Romans, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey?" (Rom. 6:17). It's your choice. You don't have to surrender to anybody. You choose the one you serve. Be careful.

Fonly if you follow through. James said, "to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Follow through. Follow-through is important whether it's a good tennis stroke, a good golf swing, or a disciple's obedience. Intention without follow-through—a most sagacious ploy. He doesn't have to get you to decide not to do what's right if he can just get you to put it off. Oh, you intend to, you just haven't gotten around to it. And intention— isn't that something which is commendable, something good? Sure it is. But

After we had seen the lights in the black of night we went back to the hotel with visions of brightness still burning in our minds. The next morning, we went to the same area of and saw Times Square in God's light. What a difference! Litter, last night's confetti, drunks in the doorways, alleys filled with filth.

Things aren't always what they seem.



THIS WEEK 18 March 2018	DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 25 March 2018
AM		AM
Leroy	SONG LEADER	Leroy
Rupert	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Robert
Rupert	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Robert
Rupert & Leroy	AM SERVERS	Robert & Reinhold
Robin	LORD'S SUPPER	Leroy
Danny	PREACHING	Danny
Leroy	CLOSING PRAYER	Reinhold

Today's Songs		
Song 1	(22)	Angels Are Singing
Song 2	(343)	Take Time To Be Holy
Song 3	(563)	<i>There Is Power In the Blood Chorus End</i>
Song 4	(619)	We're Marching to Zion



Prayer Requests

Rain

Margie

All Those Suffering Silently

Ethan from Benoni

SA Bible College

George Congregation

Megan & Stephanie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Margie Has Left To Be With Her Daughter in Durban

Harry is Away Visiting Family

Lynn will be away until further notice

Title & Opening Scripture

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Other Scriptures

•Heb 5:14 •Luk 12:16-21 •Mat 6:19-24 •Jam 4:13-17 •Joh 14:1f •Mat 7 13f •Mat 6:33 •Rev 7:9-17 •••••

Sunday School Teachers

04 th March	Tannie Stef
11 th March	Christine
18 th March	Derese
25 th March	<i>Combined Service</i>

"Eats" Roster March 2018

04 th March	Tea
11 th March	Tea
18 th March	Tea
25 th March	Tea



Harry 11 Mar

Happy Anniversary

Kristy & Rupert 12 Mar

Edda & Bruce 24 Mar