

How to Kill an Old Man

I. Introduction:

A. My grandfather once asked, “Do you know what is worse than a wicked young man?”

1. Answer: “A wicked old man”
2. Why? “Because he has had a lot more practice!”

B. Can you imagine a situation in which your every thought, every decision, every action is being influenced by a old and wicked man?

1. This man having influenced you from a very young age to ...

a) Lie to your parents. Lie about your siblings.

2. A little later on...

a) Cheat on exams (“you will gain an advantage over others” “they won’t know”).

b) Cuss and use profane gestures.

c) Uncontrolled temper tantrums.

d) Smoke.

e) Drink alcohol.

f) Use illegal drugs, etc.

3. Maybe even a bit later...

a) Sleep with your girlfriend, boyfriend – arrange a “live in” arrangement.

b) Lie to your employer.

c) Steal from your neighbor (his wife / her husband?)

d) Embezzle ... etc., etc.

C. This despicable old man has almost complete control over your life ... in fact, even your destiny.

1. You have come to despise and even hate him, yet he is always nearby, never grows weary, never seems to sleep, and you cannot “lose” him.

2. Imagine that you figure out, or someone suggests that the only way to get your “life” back and cease loathing yourself and the things you do Is to KILL the old man!

D. Tonight’s lesson is “Killing this Old Man”

II. Who the OLD MAN is...

A. Sin!

B. YOU!

C. You have chosen your own companion and it is you!

1. 1 Corinthians 15:33 (ASV)

D. Can’t blame another (although others may participate externally through influence).

1. cf. James 1:13-16

E. Everyone who becomes accountable makes this choice: Romans 3:23

1. Our “choice” of companionship has consequences:

a) Cf. Romans 6:23

b) (*back to*) James 1:15-16

2. Why death? ... Because just as when the spirit/soul is separated from the body, the body is dead, so also is the soul dead when it is separated from God. Sin (the old man) separates us from God. It defiles that which is intended to be holy (our bodies – cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). It condemns us. Sinners are worthy of death

(Romans 1). The sentence of death is already pronounced (Romans 6:23).

F. If you desire “life” (the gift of God is eternal life – Romans 6:23) you have to participate in “killing this old man.”

III. How To Kill an Old Man:

A. Do not think you can kill the old man without penalty being demanded.

1. Justice must be met (Romans 3:23)
2. The Judge must be “just” while “justifying”

a) Romans 3:26

B. You MUST have help. You can’t accomplish all that must be done by yourself.

1. Jesus Christ says:

a) “I will help you kill the old man”

b) “I will pay the penalty”

c) “I will meet the requirements demanded so that God can be “just”, the old man can be dead, and God can be our “justifier”

2. So, God sent...(part of His plan for being both “just” and the “justifier”)

a) John 3:16

3. And Jesus came ...

a) 1 Timothy 1:15

b) Lived perfect life.

(1) Hebrews 4:15

c) Became “author of eternal salvation”

(1) Hebrews 5:8-9

d) Is the atoning sacrifice (paying the death penalty for sin).

(1) Hebrews 7:17-27

(2) Hebrews 9:12

(3) Hebrews 10:10

(4) Romans 3:21-26

4. It is through this “grace” of God that we are saved! - Ephesians 2:8

C. I must do my part in killing this old man!

1. God Himself gives us a plan whereby we “kill” this old man.

a) Must hear the “plan” for killing the old man and becoming new (involves faith).

(1) Romans 10:17

(2) 1 Peter 1:23

b) Believe the (in the) Plan (have faith). Folks, the plan was and is Jesus Christ.

(1) Mark 16:15-16

(2) John 3:16

(3) Romans 10:9

(4) Understand that saving faith involves obedience!

(a) Hebrews 5:9

c) Repent (of the deeds of the old man of sin)

(1) Acts 17:30

(2) Repentance involves a change of both mind and

action. Sorrow for sin. Determination to put him and his old deeds away permanently.

d) Confess Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

(1) Matthew 10:32

(2) Romans 10:10

(3) The Eunuch (Acts 8)

e) Be baptized for the remission of sin, to kill (crucify) the old man, and be born again.

(1) Acts 2:38

(2) Acts 22:16

(3) 1 Peter 1:23

IV. When we have coupled our obedience with God's extended grace, look what is accomplished:

A. Romans 6:1-6

B. Ephesians 2:1-9

C. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

D. God remembers our sin no longer – the old man of sin is dead, we are forgiven, born again, walking in newness of life – God not remembering or holding our past against us!

1. Hebrews 8:12

2. Hebrews 10:17

V. Conclusion:

A. Are YOU tired of the old man of sin having his way in your life?

B. Do you want to put him to death?

C. You can do that tonight!