

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 9/4/24



ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

“A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”

– Proverbs 17:22

DISTRACTIONS

Panem et Circensibus



Colossians 3:5-6 NLT/TLB

“So, put to death the sinful, earthly things **lurking** within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sins, impurity, lust, and shameful desires. Don’t be **greedy** for [even] the good things of this life, for that is **idolatry**. And God’s terrible anger will come upon those who do such things.”

Remember last week’s Strength Through Joy? **“Kraft der Freude”** [1932-1939]

A phrase from German history, it was used to promote the advantages of Nazism, using free and reduced-price events, live theatre and movies, to emphasize ‘postive’ thinking, controlling leisure time.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 ESV

“What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing **new** under the sun.”

The concept of **distracting** though “joy” has been used down through the years. **Panem et Circensibus** means **“Bread and Circuses,”** and was a strategy employed by emperors to ingratiate themselves to the people and solidify their power.

Romans 6:13 NLT

“Do not let any part of your **body** become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an **instrument** to do what is right for the glory of God.”

Romans 12:1b TLB

“...Be ready to present your bodies to God as a LIVING and HOLY **sacrifice** – the kind He will accept. When you think about all that He has done for you, is this too much to ask?!”

Psalms 101:2b-3a,4 NLT [A song of David]

“Therefore, I will LEAD a life of **integrity** in my own home. I will REFUSE to look at anything vile and vulgar....I will **REJECT** perverse ideas, and STAY AWAY from every evil.”

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 NLT

“You do not belong to yourself, for God **bought** you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.”

Romans 13:14b NLT

“...don’t let yourself [even] THINK about ways to **indulge** your evil desires.”

Galatians 5:17 NLT+

“Your [The] sinful nature **WANTS** to do evil, which is just the OPPOSITE of what the [Holy] Spirit wants. And the [Holy] Spirit gives us desires that are the OPPOSITE of what the sinful nature desires! These two forces, these two ADVERSARIES, are CONSTANTLY **fighting** each other, so you’ll never be totally free [in this life] from their **persistent** pressure to influence YOUR good intentions [or your bad intentions], [to affect your good or bad choices].”

Philippians 4:8 AMP

“Finally, Believers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable and worthy of **respect**, whatever is right and confirmed by God’s word, whatever is pure and wholesome, whatever is **lovely** and brings peace, whatever is admirable and of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think **continually** on these things [center your mind on them, and implant them in your heart].”