

Shadrach Youth Ministry

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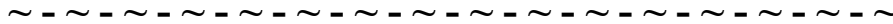
For Shadrach I read Intoxicated with Babylon. This was definitely the best book I have read concerning the spirit of worldliness. I saw in a new way how easy it is to be deceived and how much the Church in America has been deceived by the spirit of kosmos. The Lord dealt with me specifically about some areas where I was feeding the flesh. Thank the Lord for wake-up calls.

Servanthood Report

Servanthood has been ministry at the city jail where I both chair and preach in a service every Sunday morning. This has been helpful as I learn valuable wisdom about the responsibility of preaching and ministering to eternal souls that will either go to heaven or hell.

Witnessing Report

I have also had several witnessing opportunities in a class where I go out and share the gospel message on the street. What bothers me about modern day evangelism as well as my own, is the lack of power and anointing in our witnessing. There are so few results, so little manifestation of the presence and power of God. Hearts are so hard and so deceived in these last days that it will take lives that are totally sold out to Jesus, loving Him for Himself alone, and doing only His will. Most men and women have not realized their potential because they have failed to really trust God with all their hearts (paraphrase from Rev. Helm).



A Word from Pastor Schultze...

LUST AND LOVE

Today let us consider the difference between lust and love.

- Lust is self seeking; love is self-giving.*
- Lust is insensitive to the feelings of others; love deeply considers the needs of others.*
- Lust is never satisfied; love endures forever.*
- Lust manipulates; love is honest.*
- Lust exploits; love enriches.*

Let us consider these two forces in connection with two of the greatest things men seek after: money and sex.

In reference to money, a lot of people try to manipulate God. They have heard of people who have been blessed by God through their giving and so they have a job interview or apply for a scholarship and they quickly start tithing the next Sunday. But what is their motive here? It is self-gratification. They tithe to get something from God, and when they don't get it they quit. That is lust of which Peter says, "They ask and receive not because they ask to consume it upon their

own lust." Love gives to God whether he blesses us or not. Love gives without seeking anything in return. Love keeps giving unconditionally because of the value of the object being loved.

This is true in reference to your relationship with the opposite sex. Young people in seeking dating relationships seek self-gratification and when they cease getting what they want out of it, they drop that relationship to get into another, etc., insensitive to the feelings of those who they have "dumped." But love is in it for the long run; there is no exploitation of the feelings of the members of the opposite sex. There is no self-seeking. There is no manipulation. Love will not arouse "first love" in another person then only to let it die a cruel death.

Love waits on God and only arouses love in the one and only person it is destined to be united with the rest of life.

Lust and love often look alike, but their motives are entirely opposite.

"Whenever the Christian lives an authentic life, the world around is permeated with God's presence...."

-Leon Hynson

Witnessing Report

Over Christmas break, my family and I went to visit extended family in the DC area, as we often do. I was blessed to have several conversations with one particular cousin on all areas of philosophy and the Christian walk. I believe she's saved, but she's searching for truth and finding nothing but lies or half-truths at her school. Her family doesn't get to church very often, as the church they are attending is far away and not very welcoming. Please pray that she will find the Way, the Truth, and the Life. -Lydia Kilmer

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Shadrach dates: June 17 – 23 at Kentucky Mountain Bible College. Pray for the weather to be cooler.

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Praying Hyde

Lydia Kilmer

When I picked up this book, I expected the usual pat stories of answered prayer, which, while encouraging, can get old quite quickly. No such thing. I had my mother read much of it aloud while driving back from visiting family over Christmas break, and was simply amazed. It's a story of an ordinary man who chose to follow God's unique call for his life, the call of an intercessor.

A collection of three small biographical books and a few letters from Hyde himself, this book raises the call for intercessors worldwide. As one of the writers points out, we may not be called to the extremes that Hyde was, but we can all have the power of prevailing prayer in our lives; indeed, we are called to that power.

I was so thankful to read this book, as my greatest struggle of late has been with my prayer life. What an encouragement it was to read of someone that literally *lived* at the throne of grace, yet was at the same time, human, and not some angel from Heaven. I praise the Lord that He led me to this book at this time.

Have You Lost Your Zeal?

John Wesley's sister once described him as being "out of breath seeking souls!" He worked hard to find the lost and to improve their living conditions both physically and spiritually. Here are some words from him, at age 78, toward his fellow Methodists, "You have nigh lost your zeal for works of mercy, as well as of piety. You once pushed on through cold or rain or whatever cross lay in your way to see the poor, the sick and distressed. You went about doing good, and found out those who were not able to find you. You cheerfully crept down into cellars and climbed up into garrets... You found out every scene of human misery, and assisted according to your power.... Do you now tread in the same steps?"

Free from Sin!!!?. YES!!!

Check out these portions of scripture from Romans 6: 1- 14:

- "How can we who died to sin still live in it?"
- "...just as Christ was raised from the dead..., so we too may walk in a new way of life."
- "...our old self was crucified with Him in order that sin's dominion over the body may be abolished, so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin" Abolished, did it say abolished??
- "...a person who has died is freed from sin's claims" Freed??
- "So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." **Dead to sin?**
- "do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey it's desires"
- "For sin will not rule over you..." **NOT?**

Another part of this text says, "And do not offer *any parts* of it [your body] to sin as weapons for unrighteousness. But as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and *all the parts* of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness" (Italics added). Offer ALL parts of your body to God. What does that mean? Just your heart? Is the heart all that matters?? Okay, maybe just your heart and your mind...?? Not enough. Well, let's throw in your emotions, too. Enough? Nope! That's still not all of it. Your eyes, your appetite, your hands, your feet, your tongue, your ears, your overall appearance.... *All parts* of our body are to be offered to God for WEAPONS of righteousness. Now, that isn't a passive offering either! That means all of these parts will do damage to Satan's kingdom and will win ground for God's kingdom! That means action!! Let's be free from sin and use EVERY part of our body as a WEAPON for righteousness!! —Karin