

“Old Habits are Hard to Break”

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1 Corinthians 10:12-13

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Introduction:

- A. Wouldn't it be great if we could suddenly become instantly _____ and completely _____?
- B. Alan Redpath wrote: “The conversion of a _____ is the miracle of a _____, the manufacture of a _____ is the task of a _____.”
- C. When we become Christians, we do receive a new _____ and we are a new _____, but that doesn't mean we have escaped the influence of our old nature.
- D. Those who have been Christians a while can share their own experiences of failing _____ and repeated struggles with old _____.

I. The Story

- A. Genesis 20:1-2
 - 1. _____ years ago, Abraham went down to Egypt and did the _____ thing.
 - 2. Abraham lied because Sarah was a lovely woman and he feared that he might be _____ so someone else could _____ her.
- B. Genesis 20:3-7
 - 1. What are two of the sweetest words in the Bible? _____
 - 2. Abraham has made a mess of things, but God _____.
 - 3. God will accomplish His _____, and He may even use our _____ to do so.
- C. Genesis 20:8-13
 - 1. Abimelech has every right to feel _____ and _____.
 - 2. Abraham's explanation was _____, but at least it was _____.
- D. Genesis 20:14-18
 - 1. King Abimelech was _____ and _____.
 - 2. Abraham responded by _____ for the king.

II. The Application

- A. Never presume on your own _____.
- B. Never rely on your own _____.
- C. Never lean on your own _____.
- D. The story of _____.
 - 1. “Prone to _____, Lord, I feel it, prone to _____ the God I love...”

Answer Key: Intro. A. mature, perfect. B. soul, moment, saint, lifetime. C. nature, creation. D. faith, sins. I.A.1. 25, same. I.A.2. killed, marry. I.B.1. But, God. I.B.2. comes, through. I.C.1. enraged, offended. I.C.2. pathetic, honest. I.D.1. forgiving, giving. I.D.2. interceding. II.A. weaknesses. II.B. crutches. II.C. understanding. II.D. Robert, Robinson. II.D.1. wander, leave.