



Thru the Bible in 2012

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8

Ladies for Jesus Tuesday Bible Study Lesson

Readings for May 4, 2012 – May 10, 2012

Class Discussion: Thursday, May 10, 2012

Prevailing Seduction

Moab Seduces Israel (Numbers 25)

The Downward Slope of Seduction Looking at the key elements in this story reveals how seduction works in our own lives.

(Read Numbers 25)

“Seduced by the Women”

“Invitation to worship their gods”

“The Lord’s anger blazes again *His* people”

“A whole nation suffers”

It is important that we identify areas in our life that lead us away from God. In these areas we have to avoid even associating with people who participate in such things. Seduction is really high when we are not around others, but it is even more overwhelming when we are in the midst of the action.

Think about your life and how you have been “seduced” into sinning against God.
Do you now recognize the seduction of sin in your own life? Do you see where you are unable to associate with others because this area of your life is more tempting when you are around them?

Anger – when is it proper and justified?

(Read Numbers 25:6-18)

This story about Phinehas’ anger shows us that anger can be proper and justified. Phinehas was angry because of his zeal for the Lord. But how can we know when our anger is appropriate and when it should be restrained? Ask these questions when you become angry,

1. Why am I angry?
2. Whose rights are being violated (mine or another’s)?
3. Is the truth (a principle of God) being violated?

If only your rights are at stake, it may be wiser to keep angry feelings under control. But if the truth is at stake, anger is often justified, although violence and retaliation are usually the wrong way to express it (Phinehas’ case was unique). If we are becoming more and more like God, we should be angered by sin.

How do you handle anger in your own life?

Complete Cleansing

Discovery of sin requires dealing with it completely

(Read Numbers 31:1-24)

Why did God send the Israelites to battle the Midianites?

Why was Moses upset upon their return from battle?

When God points out sin in your life do you move quickly to remove it?

Discovery of blessings requires thanksgiving

(Read Numbers 31:48-54)

Why were the generals and captains giving an offering of thanksgiving?

What does verse 54 say was the reason Moses and Eleazar accepted the gifts?

After going through tough times, are you quick to thank God for delivering and protecting you from severe loss?