

“ADMIT YOU ARE POWERLESS TO CHANGE”

Series: “Living Free,” part 1 of 6
Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 5:00 pm and
Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Big Idea: The ultimate sin, the source of all life-controlling issues, and the source of all addiction is self-centeredness. “I want to control my own life. I want to control my family. I want to control my circumstances. I want to be in charge.” But the Christian is one who humbly says, “Lord, I can’t control all these things. I deny myself and I allow you to be in charge.”

Text: Romans 7:14-25

Bullet: Ann Morrow Lindberg once said, “The most exhausting thing in life is being insincere.”

Romans 7:15

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

I. PAUL _____ THE PROBLEM.

Romans 7:14b

I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion. {NASV}

Two reasons we deny we have a problem:

1. To _____.

2. To _____.

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 29:23

A man’s pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.

II. PAUL ALSO _____ THE CONSEQUENCES.

Romans 7:22-23

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

1. _____.

2. _____.

Romans 7:15a

I do not understand what I do.

Romans 7:24a

What a wretched man I am!

3. _____.

Psalms 32:4-5

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

4. _____.

III. PAUL _____ HIS LIMITATIONS.

Romans 7:18a

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

Romans 7:22-23

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

Romans 7:24-25a

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!