**CHRISTCOMPANIONBIBLECHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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 **IDENTIFYING AND OVERCOMING BESETTING SINS (Part 1) Study 25**

**TEXT:** Hebrew 12:1-2.

**MEMORY VERSE:** GALATIANS 5:20

Redemption brings about the ransom and purchase of the lost and erring souls back to God. The blood of Jesus is the means of this divine exchange! It is free, but must be activated by personal faith for personal benefits according to Colossians 1:13,14. Every saved soul is saddled with responsibilities of growth and personal development in grace. The manufacturers can make the products available in the market for sales but will not take responsibility for daily and routine care for the item usage. These include items such as cars, clothes or any other product. Same goes to keeping fit and worthy in Christ Jesus! You need to see to the best way to maintain a blameless and pleasing lifestyle that is acceptable before God and man.

**I. What Is Besetting Sin? Psalm 19:12-14. Hebrew 12:1.**

 Besetting sins are sins that a believer can easily and carelessly get entangled with. To beset is to get so close, to surround or subtly cleave to one, with intention to master, attack cleverly or pressure to surrender. Genesis 39:10.It is also a fault to which a person or institution is especially prone.

**II. Characteristics Of Besetting Sin. Hebrew 12:15-17.**

i. It is a sin, no matter how lightly underrated. Typical example was Esau's love for Jacob's red pottage at the expense of integrity, and his resentment after losing the birthright he carelessly and cheaply threw away! Genesis 27:41.

ii. It usually appears so demanding and urgent. Example is Amnon's lust towards Tamar. 2 Samuel 13:1,2.

iii. It looks simple and negligible.

iv. It takes advantage of your personal weaknesses or past sinful disposition.

v. It is usually appealing and alluring to self/taste.

vi. It may appear gainful and rewarding, but will definitely enslave afterwards! Proverb 7:25-27.

vii. It is usually presumptuous i.e masterful in nature. Psalm 19:12-13.

**III. Where To Watch Against Besetting Sins. 2 Timothy 4:5.**

i. Every areas of your life.

ii. Ungodly use of your tongue: Lying, backbiting, jesting etc.

iii. Unforgiveness, resentment and retaliation.

iv. Emotional actions and reactions in words, gestures, anger, hasty decisions, etc.

v. Judgmental tendencies/attitude.

vi. Lust and inordinate affection.

vii. Ignoring nudges and leading of the Holy Spirit.

viii. Prayerlessness.

ix. Procrastination and laziness.

x. Self-will, manipulations and a controlling spirit

xi. Pride and overconfidence.

xii. Yielding to temptations.

xiii. Weariness and discouragement.

God wants all His children to be vigilant and holy in words and deeds. Critically x-ray your life to identify your weak areas! Then build up to stand against temptations by living to please the Lord in all things. Jude 24. Amen.

**HYMN: YEILD NOT TO TEMTATION (CHS177)**

1. Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue,
Look ever to Jesus, He’ll carry you through.

*Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.*
2. Shun evil companions, bad language disdain,
God’s Name hold in reverence, nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest, kindhearted and true,
Look ever to Jesus, He’ll carry you through.
3. To him that o’ercometh, God giveth a crown;
Through faith we shall conquer, though often cast down;
He Who is our Savior our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He’ll carry you through.