

Single Minded Devotion

James 4:7-10

Make a decision to turn your will and your life over to the care of God.

We may have already chosen to follow God, letting him define the overall direction of our life. Even so, many of us still try to keep parts of our heart hidden from God. We have devoted these parts of ourselves to gratifying our sin, to doing things that are contrary to the will of God. This sets us up for living a double life, which can fill us with guilt, shame, and instability.

Even those of us who have given our heart to God face new temptations and decisions every day. James was addressing believers when he wrote: "So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you" (James 4:7-8).

If we choose to live a double life, we may begin to doubt whether God hears us at all. As James wrote: "A person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do" (James 1:6-8). When we resist the devil at every turn and come close to God, he will come close to us. When we open the hidden portions of our heart and begin to make choices in favor of recovery, we will soon grow confident that God desires to help us

Submission & Humility

James 4:6-10

Most of us have a hard time modeling submission and humility-qualities essential to recovery because they require that we depend on God and be willing to follow his guidance. Satan's pride-and our adoption of it-opposes God's will for healthy and godly living.

As many of us know from experience, the way of pride and selfishness only leads to confusion and strife. True contentment comes only when we submit our lives to God and his will. As we admit our failures and humbly seek to do God's will, we will draw closer to God. As we draw closer to God, the grip of our sins will weaken, and he will lift us up to rebuild our lives.

Destructive Criticism

James 4:11-12

Many Christian communities are rendered ineffective because of self-righteous criticism. People become critical of anyone who doesn't measure up to their ideals of perfection. Some of us may have experienced this kind of destructive criticism as our addiction became public. Perhaps we even left a church community for that very reason.

Sadly, some of us are also guilty of criticizing others. We may look down on people who appear to make slower progress in Christ than we do. We must maintain healthy humility. No one is perfect except God; only he is in the position to judge others (see Romans 14:10-12). We need to focus on our own faults, including our tendency to criticize others. If we don't, our recovery is at risk.

Just For Today the Choice is Mine

Just for today I will try to be happy, realizing my happiness does not depend on what others do or say or what happens around me. Happiness is a result of being at peace with myself.

Order of Service

Worship Leader: Bob Queenan

Song – #744 We're Part of the Family
PRAYER
Song – #70 Ah, Lord God
Song – #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
Song – In Christ Alone
LORD'S SUPPER
OFFERING

PEW PACKERS
Sermon – 21st Century Parenting Challenges
▪ Over-protecting children
▪ Handling Mistakes
▪ Importance of Church
Song – #737 Getting Used to the Family of God
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYER

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Prayers and Praise

- Prayers for Briley, coping with Marfans syndrome.
- Prayers for Pam Pope – healing after being knocked down and stepped on by one of the horses.
- Prayers for Tiffany Lamb, Darcy's friend, dealing with medical issues.
- Praise for Chris Langford's progress, and prayers for his continued recovery.
- Prayers for continued healing for Kay's nephew Jeremy.
- Prayers for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Prayers for health for Anna's Nana, Bonnie Borgstrom, and for her caregiver Barb
- Prayers for Ryan Burns, Jordan Allbritten, and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces.
- Prayers for our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday	10:00 am	Bible Study	At the building and live stream
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship	At the building and live stream
Wednesday	10:30 am	Senior Breakfast	At Perkins
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study	At Daniël's – June 15 th & 22 nd At Jonathan's – July 6 th & 13 th

Supported Missionaries and Works

Glenn Langston - Blind Ministry	Nathan and Alvin Luther – Philippines
Ghana West Africa Water Project	Caleb Odle - Arlington, Texas
Cimi Kafexhiu - The Church in Durres, Albania	

Events Calendar

Jun 11-12 th	<p>WOW Marriage Seminar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12:30-2:00 Potluck after services. ▪ 2:00-2:45 21st Century Parenting Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Self-Esteem ▪ Managing Social Media ▪ 2:45-3:00 Break ▪ 3:00-3:30 Parenting in a Media Savvy Age ▪ 3:30-4:00 Questions and Answers
June 18 th	<p>Senior Breakfast 10:30 am at the building – all seniors, pre-seniors, and caregivers are invited! (3rd Saturday of the month).</p>
Jun 19 th	<p>Youth-Led Service</p>
Jun 23-27 th	<p>Mission Trip to Mountain States Children's Home – see Rob for details.</p>
June 30 th	<p>Hymnburgers 2022! Most Thursdays in the summer at the Queenan's. Burgers & dogs & water provided, bring something to share or just yourself. Food & fellowship, followed by some informal singing. Bring your family and friends – no dogs, please.</p>
July 17 th	<p>Praise in the Park – On this Sunday we will worship in the park and enjoy a potluck together and fellowship after. More details to follow.</p>
Sep 16-18 th	<p>Youth Rally here in IF – see Andy for details. We will need host families for our September 16 Youth Rally for 45+ teens, so if you are available to host in your home, it would be greatly appreciated. Details to follow.</p>
Dec 9 th -11 th	<p>West Yellowstone Winter Retreat is BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Retreat in December. You must register - registration information is on the table in the foyer.</p>

The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

Welcome!

We're a bible-based non-denominational congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God. All are welcome!
Please join us in our worship services and classes.



Meditation for Today

You not only live a new life, but you also can grow in grace and power and beauty. Reach ever forward and upward after the things of the spirit. In the animal world, the very form of an animal changes to enable it to reach that upon which it delights to feed. Your whole character changes as you reach upward for the things of the spirit – for beauty, for love, for honesty, for purity, and for unselfishness. Reaching after these things of the spirit, your whole nature becomes changed so that you can best receive and delight in the wonders of the abundant life.

I pray that I may reach forward and upward. I pray that my character may be changed by this reaching upward for the things of the spirit.