

For His Pleasure.

Matt 16:24.Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

{1} I always thought that the longest word in the Bible was but I am about to decide it is word {DENY}. Saying no to the things [self] wants to do.

{2} Controlling yourself. We found at men's retreat, when we are in control of ourself, we are untouchable by the things that the devil has to offer us.

1 John 5:18.We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. KJV
Untouchable:

{a} We were asked if our secret life lined up with our outside life.

Bro. Crenshaw told us a story of Fred the Dog: Everyday when the mail man came, Fred the Dog would run out and bite the mailman of the leg. It got so bad that Fred the Dog's master put a muzzle on old Fred the Dog. Well old Fred the Dog couldn't bite the Mailman anymore but he sure did **want to**:

Matt 5:28.But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. KJV

{b} If we still want to, and that want is to sin, then we must get that want to out our life. This is how the devil gets the best of us sometimes, for he know all of the want too's in our life, and these are the buttons he will push.

{c} If the enemy of our soul can see tracks he will set traps! These tracks or the things in our life that we have not deny for the cause of Christ:

Dan 3:20.And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21.Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22.Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

23.And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24.Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25.He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26.Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27.And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

Matt 3:11.I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
KJV

{1} O God fill me with that Holy Ghost and with fire. Burn up all the want to's in my life the devil uses against me.