

2nd John #7

“Self-destruction from
Deceptive Distractions”

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Proverbs 11:7 *‘Hopes placed in mortals die with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing.’*

The real issue in life is not our ability but our lifestyle of humility which is teachability.

In loving discipline, God makes war with any arrogant believer who’s chosen to be in Satan’s army, following his worldly plan as his disciple.

We humble ourselves under the powerful hand of God by using His grace solutions to solve our problems and therefore, not becoming distracted and deceived from His plan.

God provides pastors for prepared congregations and hearers for prepared pastors.

Bitterness often comes from unrealistic expectation, when people are not treating us the way we want to be treated, not loving us the way we want to be loved or not respecting us the way we want to be respected.

Whatever the reaction, if we give in to bitterness, we ruin our own lives and only God can provide recovery through His grace solutions.

Too many believers today have the tragic flaw of a distracted life.

Our portfolio of invisible assets represents the grace work of God the Father on our behalf in eternity past when He found the way for His justice to provide perfect fantastic blessings to His righteousness in us without any compromise of His essence.

In our portfolio, God provided everything necessary for us to function in life, dying, death, eternity, growing in grace and the execution and fulfillment of the plan of God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was judged for the sins of the world on the cross and the greatest problem of life; sin with its resulting spiritual death was resolved when our Lord became our substitute and received the imputation and judgment for all our sins.

There is no sin in human history for which our Lord was not judged, so there is no person too sinful, too degenerate or too evil to be a candidate for eternal salvation.

When a born-again believer commits sins related to legalism or moral degeneracy, he’s judged by his Christian peers as being spiritual, which is not true and when a born-again believer commits sins related to lawlessness or immoral degeneracy, he’s often judged by his Christian peers as not really being saved at all and that’s not true either.

The reality of eternal salvation is determined by faith in Jesus Christ, not by the category of one’s sins and the reality of spirituality or the filling of the Holy Spirit is determined by residence, function and momentum inside the plan of God.

The pattern of post-salvation sinning is often based on how long it takes a believer to understand and use God's grace solutions.

If the church environment focuses on teaching the mystery doctrine of the Church Age, God's problem-solving devices, the believer's portfolio of invisible assets, the unique features of the Church Age and the challenge of becoming an invisible hero, then the environment encourages spiritual growth and proper execution of the plan of God.

But the church environment that emphasizes social life, programs or Christian service first either has no truth or very superficial teaching; then the believer who fails to execute the plan of God struggles for the rest of his life in the drowning pool of the distracted life.

Triple-compound discipline is God's judgment for judging others:

1) We're disciplined for the mental attitude sins;

2) We're disciplined for the verbal sins;

3) We're disciplined for the sins we mention when slandering or gossiping others.