

OUT OF CONTROL

Scripture:

Romans 7:19

Introduction

God intended that every man should have the right to be the master of his own destiny. He intended that each man should control his own fate. Sin caused man to lose that control, but God made a provision for man to regain control of his life.

I. God gave ability for us to control our lives

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 15:13, 8:32

A. God gave you the ~~intellect~~ to reason

1. Gave some more than others
2. Enables you make decisions

B. God gave you a conscience

1. Indicates difference between right and wrong
2. Like stall warning indicator in aircraft.
3. Can be seared and made inoperative.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter days some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

II. How we go out of control

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are servants of corruption: For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

2 Peter 2:19

- A. By disregarding signs of danger
 - 1. Similar to disregarding road signs
 - 2. Five young people in service in Dallas
 - a. Two girls, three fellows
 - b. One suicide, two drug addicts, two in immorality
- B. By yielding to Satanic influence
 - 1. Letting down our standards
 - 2. Linda Armstrong
- C. By not taking advantage of God's provision
 - 1. Like not wearing seat belts
 - 2. Murderer of Corpus Christi fisherman

III. How to regain control

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

- A. Accept Christ as your saviour
- B. Receive the Holy Spirit
- C. ~~1.~~ Allow the Spirit to teach you how to control your life
 - 2. Learn to follow the Spirit
- C. Maintain a daily walk with Jesus
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 - 2. Ronnie Huddleston