

Be Bold
Winning An Ugly Underwater fight

- I. Persevere through Temptation
 - a. Keep your eye on the Prize vs. 12
 - i. The rewards of heaven are incorruptible 1 Peter 3:1-5 Matt 6:19
 1. The bible shares about the crowns of believers. (1 Corinthians 9:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 2 Timothy 4:8, 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:10)
 2. These crowns are not literal:
 - ii. The crown is a metaphor; Jesus is your crown.
 - b. Temptations can take our eyes off the prize. Vs. 13-16
 - i. Vs. 13 You will be tempted.
 1. Temptation is not a sin. Hebrews 4:15
 2. Temptation means you are human
 - c. 14-16 Temptation leads to sin when we indulge.
 - i. Temptation is an attractive fishing lure leading to danger.
 - ii. Temptation causes us to look bait and forget about the hook.
 1. Temptation comes out of the Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life.
 - iii. When you give into sin it brings separation by death. Vs.15
- II. Overcoming Temptation In Christ
 - a. To overcome temptation we work from our identity not for our identity.
 1. We will fight against temptation if we have hope so recognize Jesus is with you. vs. 17-18
 2. We must recognize that God loves us and is on our side Vs. 19 (Heb 2:18)
 - b. Implant your life in Christ Vs.19-27
 - a. Vs. 19-please listen to God's Word
 - b. Vs. 20 Recognize that your anger does not solve problems but Gods word does.
 - c. 21. Get rooted in the word through humility. (1st Corinthians 10:12-13)
 - c. Vs. 22-25 once Gods' word is in you, live it. Don't have a dirty face.
 - d. Determine if your life demonstrates real Jesus following. Vs. 26-27
 - i. Religion does not mean special days, ceremonies or temples; it means "the outward practice, the service of a god."
 - ii. Real "Religion" is about loving others who can't give back.