

MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH AND URIAH
#22 - CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR
BUSTED...





Uriah stumbled as he walked into the house. He was trying to keep quiet but his inebriated frame did not follow the instructions his brain was trying to give it. He tiptoed to the stairs and as soon as his right foot hit the first step, a light came on. He was terrified as he saw his parents sitting in the living room. They had been waiting for him. Without saying a word, his mother began to cry. “We did not raise you like this,” his father said. “You told us you were going to spend the night at Jimmy’s house but we called and his parents said you never showed up,” Dad said.

Uriah had no words. Watching his mother cry broke his heart. He thought he would just go out to the party. He had never been before and all of the cool kids at the high school have been teasing him because he never participated. He took one sip of a drink handed to him and did not realize how much it impacted his body.

Dad was disappointed, dejected and hurt. But what he said next completely floored Uriah. “Son,” Dad said, “We are not going to ground you. You will not lose any of your privileges, but we will keep your phone until you write a letter.”

“A letter?”, Uriah replied unsure of what was going on. “Yes. A letter not to us, but to God. Remember when you and Jeniah made a decision to be baptized? You said that you were going to be a follower of God so now your letter is going to be addressed to the one you said you loved. You are going to go through the Bible and tell us what it says about our bodies and how they should be a temple of God.” With that, Dad and mom walked up the stairs leaving him to ponder his decision.

He looked on the kitchen table and there was a list of questions dad told him he wanted finished before the weekend.

What does the Bible say about our decisions to eat and drink?

1 Corinthians 10:31 “So whether you _____ or _____ or whatever you do, do it all for the _____ of God.”

Should I be concerned about what others are influenced by my decisions?

1 Corinthians 10:33 “... even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own _____ but the good of many, so that they may be _____.”

What does the Bible say about growing in Christ? Is it an easy process?

Galatians 5:22-24 “But the _____ of the Spirit is love, joy, _____, forbearance, kindness, _____, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have _____ the flesh with its passions and desires.”

What warning are we given to avoid what the world has to offer?

1 John 2:15-16 “Do not _____ the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the _____ of the flesh, the _____ of the eyes, and the _____ of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.”

How can we prepare ourselves against the unhealthy desires of this world?

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is _____, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— _____ about such things.”

Once I stop doing “bad things”, will God love me more?

Ephesians 2:8-10 “For it is by _____ you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can _____. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Why does God care about what I do with my body anyway?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the _____, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

What change takes place once I accept Christ in my life?

2 Corinthians 5:15-17 “And He _____ for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in _____, the new _____ has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

After reviewing the Bible texts answering the questions, Uriah picked up the pen and began to write...

Maybe you can finish his letter or rewrite one in your own words!

Jesus, thank you for your love and for the fact that You love me enough to die for me... in spite of how many mistakes I make...