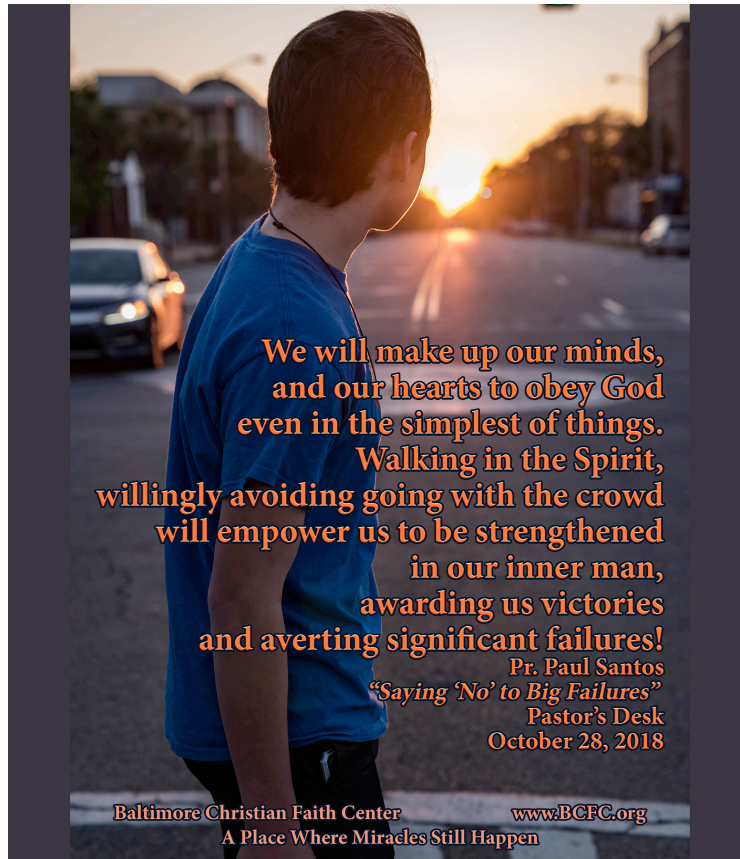


Saying “No” to Big Failures

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The Bible tells us about one of the greatest weapons in the enemy’s arsenal used for thousands of years against Bible-believing, God-fearing people and it’s called “lasciviousness”! The meaning of the Greek word (aselgeia) is “to have no restraint.” It’s more than extremely immoral. It’s a negative particle meaning continent, licentiousness, filthy, lewd, wanton.

Many fellow believers have learned new filthy, dirty, and curse words and are impressed with it so much, they wanted to try it. They know it isn’t good, but they want to try it so bad. From the moment they try it, something happens to them! It will start with just a few seemingly innocent words and the thoughts that come with it. Then those words become thoughts and they begin to grow and grow and end up producing severe sins and consequences in their lives.

The Bible tells us: Eph. 4:17-19: "And so I insist-God backs me up on this-that there be no going along with the crowd, the empty-headed, mindless crowd...They've refused for so long to deal with God that they've lost touch not only with God but with reality itself. They can't think straight anymore. Feeling no pain, they let themselves go into sexual obsession, addicted to every sort of perversion." (MSG) When we arrive at that point, it is as if a new law is set forth in motion in our lives. There will be few, if any, restraints. As a result, our flesh will gradually take over our entire being, control it and lead to spiritual death. We know better than this, and we are better than this!

Let us not allow satan to use this strategy of lasciviousness on us! We will make up our minds, and our hearts to obey God even in the simplest of things. Walking in the Spirit, willingly avoiding going with the crowd will empower us to be strengthened in our inner man, awarding us victories and averting significant failures! The Apostle Paul said: Eph. 4:22-23: "Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything-and I mean everything- connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life-a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside." (MSG) In doing so, big failures might become a thing of the past!!

In His Service, your fellow servant,
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