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MEC Spotlight Prayers for Inmates and Your Area

Please pray for your corrections settings. There are a lot of Sherriff elections coming up so make sure to find out if there is one in your county and to pray for those. Primary elections for state offices are on August 14th and include the county elections for sheriffs. Please find out who is running in your county and please pray for these elections.

Save the Date:

The evening of November 3rd for MEC's fall event Speaker Rich Scherber of MN Adult and Teen Challenge

Names changed for confidentiality

Kim – I ask that you all pray for my guidance with the Lord. I am in a beautiful place with my Savior. He is the truth and the way and the life that the Heavenly Father shows me favor in me being on the outside doing His work and returns me to the outside world and keeps me protected and doing His work. Amen.



Tom - - Hi, please pray for Sary. Pray for protection. Pray that she is found and will walk away from sin and I ask if at all possible she again speaks to me, if in fact it is the Lord's Will and if at all possible let her know that others are praying for her. I am also praying for her. I also pray that she finds a good church in Jesus' name. Amen.

Angie – I would just like prayer for every sin and every sinner known and unknown. Also, for my family and their safety and my safety on my way to prison. I also would like prayer for those that play tricks on others for their own gain. I would like prayer for selfish people. I would also like prayer for those that carry hate in their heart, I pray that God forgives us for our sins. Dear God I am a sinner, I pray that You forgive my sins and make me pure again and please take me to heaven when I die and I pray this prayer for all Your children, in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Tom - To hear from mother - it has been several days.

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Problem Thinking and the Lord's Healing

Understanding Corrosion and Cutoff
Can Help us Resist Temptation



Deterrents are things that keep someone from committing a crime or falling to temptation. Principles, values, ideas and morals are internal deterrents. Those who would catch or discover and administer negative consequences or withhold rewards, such as parents, teachers, bosses or police and the court system are external deterrents.

God has given us all a conscience.

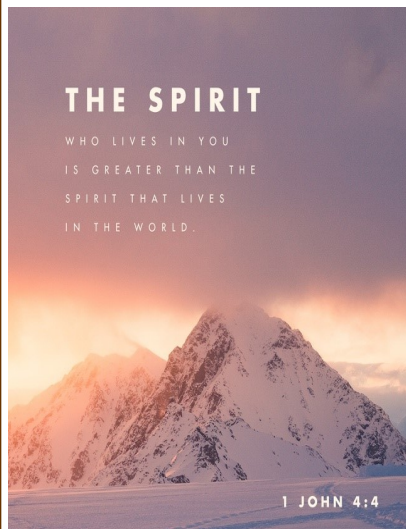
In order to do wrong a person has to argue with it or ignore it. Romans 2:15 ESV says, "They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them." The process of temptation is that thoughts

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come that indicate something wrong is desirable and one chooses between the desire for good or wrong. Corrosion and Cutoff is where deterrents are minimized or ignored, they are “slowly eliminated until the desire to commit the act outweighs the fears. Internal deterrents corrode as the ... criminal gives way to the desire for excitement ... which is an antidote to both the zero state and to boredom. Cutoff is ... rapid and deliberate” ... [replacing fear with excitement]. This process produces fragmentation that we wrote about in an earlier article. Because values are in the mind and heart, good may be done



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Jan - For father with return of cancer stage 4 for comfort

Sherry - For mother’s illness leukemia

Kim - Please pray for my daughter and her brother. For them to stay safe and have all they need; guidance and wisdom. I would also like to pray for my daddy to take care of his health. Prayers for my niece and my sister who are both battling with addiction.

Kerry - Pray for strength and faith and wisdom. Asking God to continue to watch over and protect my son and my family and the ladies in here. Asking God for faith and understanding that I need when I leave in 2 weeks. Just continue to touch my heart, mind and soul, Lord. Pray that me and my son can go forward and build a better relationship due to me being away for 6 months. We need faith, guidance and understanding.

Jamile - God show me the way. Watch over my babies and forgive me, my family and D of our sins. I ask that he lets me return him to my kids on August 22. Give me the strength to forgive myself and others as well as others to forgive me. Keep giving me knowledge to understand. Most important, that me and my family reunite and live His will for our lives.



Julie - I have been a meth addict for 24 years and want to give my heart to Jesus! (side note— we did this before she left). I have 1 and 3-year-old sons that were adopted to others, please pray for them. Pray for my boyfriend’s sentencing next week and that I recover this time.

Crissie - Please pray for my mom to fight her addiction to pills and to come out of the place the devil brings her and let her see that her family needs her. I also want prayer because I want to go to Teen Challenge.

Anonymous - I would like to ask the Lord my God to continue to heal my body and keep the 6 bullets that are in my back away from vital organs, veins, and arteries. Also, I pray that they do move to places that will allow them to be removed from my body. Please God gives me a blessing to get home to my family sooner than later. And that when I go to court I get judged on my heart and my soul rather than my actions. I also ask that God continues to bless my fiancée and help her continue to fight and overcome the spirit of addiction, alcoholism and depression. I ask that my family be covered in the blood of Jesus Christ and protected. I ask that my mother receives a blessing for her works, her faith, and her love. And I would like to thank God for His gift, His word, His Son, His Grace and mercy. Amen and amen.



Ministry Friend Shout Out

We know that we are
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<https://www.thereelhopeproject.org/waiting-kids/>

Many of the inmates have children in foster care or have lost their parental rights. There are around 10,000 children in Foster care in Minnesota alone. 1000 of these have had their parental rights terminated and are in need of adoption. They need forever families. Reel Hope started in September



(and build up the person's conception of themselves) before the crime is committed. The conclusion I see from Samenow and Yorkelson's writing about corrosion and cutoff is this. The fear of getting caught or punished and the harm that would result provides an emotional state that is chosen over boredom. The idea of getting caught or other deterrents are replaced with cutting off the fear by planning or scheming the action and/or ways not to get caught

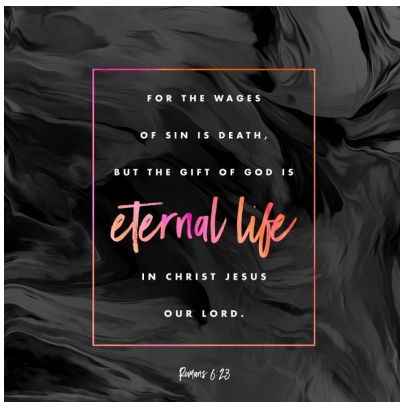
These ideas relate to temptation like this. Thoughts of any temptation can be something that feels better than not feeling good (about ourselves, a situation, others or health) or not having purpose and meaning in life. When thoughts prick our conscience, reasons we should not do this or the possibility that we might get caught occurs, choosing to dwell on the temptation or the pleasure it brings overrides feeling low. Continuing to dwell on the temptation and planning ways to get by with it are placed over the negatives or deterrents. This numbs the conscience and the temptation can become habit. I Tim. 4 says that in the latter time, some people will be hypocritical liars who teach false ideas. They will have consciences that will be numb. John 3:says that people will chose what they want - the darkness more than the light of Christ.



In order to avoid this and to keep the light and love of Christ foremost in our minds and hearts it is imperative to learn the Word. In a letter that addresses wanting to stay with their commitment to Christ amidst the temptations that they will face when they leave the jail, I summarize many of the concepts in Deuteronomy where God addressed those leaving the wilderness and going into the promised land. The principles of

the instructions Moses gave to the Israelites to remember God's power and to love and obey Him are the same as what will help us now.

You have been here long enough, keep moving and move into the promised land I am giving you. Choose some respected men to help you. Do not be afraid, know that I am the LORD your God and will go before you and fight for and help you. Do not complain or bicker, but trust God. Learn and Know His commandments, precepts and regulations. Obey wholeheartedly and with enthusiasm. Destroy and leave evil - Do not compromise with the enemy or the world. Offer gifts worthy of God. - Accept Him and His power, give thanks, offer material wealth, pray, give your body and life for Him, have faith, walk in obedience and love, do good deeds and share with those in need, worship, fear and love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Here is a link (to click to read) that article - [Dear Reentering One](#)
Cling to your faith in Christ and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. I Tim. 1:19 ESV



Please let us know if something is difficult to understand or if it helps you! We hope PTLH articles can be helpful and your feedback included in changes to this that will help those who are coming to Christ and changing their lives .

In Him, Karen Selby

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