

Volume 6, Day 13: Everyone Is A Slave to Someone

In order to know whose slave I am, I must determine by examination of my attitudes and feelings who dominates me. It can be my most significant other, myself, my sports star, God or any other. Then I must admit the unwelcome fact that I am the responsible party who made the choice. If I am a slave to myself, I am to blame because at some time in my past I decided to follow the rules of my own making, for my self appointed sovereignty, me. Similarly, if I primarily obey God, I do so because I made a cognitive choice at some point to do so. All of us will yield ourselves to sovereignty every moment in life. And it is obvious at those moments whom we chose to obey!

Yield in childhood to selfishness, or in childishness in adulthood and you will find it the most miserable binding tyranny on earth. There is no power in the human soul of itself to break the bondage of a disposition formed by yielding. Yield for one second to anything in the nature of lust whether it be the lust of the flesh or the lust of the mind - once yield and though you may hate yourself for having yielded, you are a slave to that thing. (Remember what lust is: "I must have it at once." Or to put it another way, "The essence of Lust is getting and lust can't wait to get! The essence of love is giving and love can wait for the right time to give!")

There is no release in human power at all. Release from lust (self-indulgence) is only possible through the Redemption of Jesus Christ. You must yield yourself in utter humiliation to the only One Who can break the dominating power of lust.

You discover that to be true in ridiculously foolish thoughts and expressions, "Oh, I can give that habit up when I like." No, you cannot! You will find that the habit absolutely dominates you because you yielded to it willingly and persistently. It is easy to sing, "He will break every fetter," and at the same time be living a life of obvious slavery to yourself. Yielding to Jesus' Holy Spirit within you will break every form of slavery in any human life!