

Intercepting Spiritual Entropy

Old Testament Challenge - Week June 20

Bible Text:

Book of Judges

Theme:

Without investing time and energy we tend to lose our passion, focus, and energy for spiritual things. When it comes to breaking the cycle of spiritual entropy, the time to begin is now! We will look at specific steps we can take to intentionally intercept each of the seven signs of spiritual entropy.

Daily Readings:

- Monday – Judges 11-12
- Tuesday – Judges 13-14
- Wednesday – Judges 15-16
- Thursday – Judges 17-18
- Friday – Judges 19
- Saturday – Judges 20
- Sunday – Judges 21

Bible Memory Verse:

But the Israelites said to the LORD, “We have sinned. Do with us whatever you think best, but please rescue us now.” Then they got rid of the foreign gods among them and served the LORD. And He could bear Israel’s misery no longer. Judges 10:15-16

Personal Reflection:

1. What do you think was unique about the heart and the character of the various judges that enabled them to break the pattern of sin in the nation?

2. As you consider the heart and character of the judges, what is one characteristic you would like to see in your own life? What steps can you take to incorporate that characteristic into your life?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the judges do you particularly admire? Why?
2. Do you see yourself more like the judges or more like the people of Israel? Explain.
3. What do you think are some of the excuses people might give as to why they won't take steps to intentionally intercept the signs of spiritual entropy? What might you say to a friend who gives you these excuses?
4. What is one step you'd like to incorporate into your life in order to battle spiritual entropy?

Action Challenge:

Take one of the steps suggested in the sermon to intercept spiritual entropy and incorporate it into your life. Share with someone you trust that you have made this commitment and ask them to hold you accountable.