

Romans 6 Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 6:15-23.

B. The old life is dead and it must be considered so daily, and the current life must be yielded. (Romans 12:1)

II. The hindrance to growth is contentment with certain areas of our “self-life.”

A. We often want victory, but not total victory.

B. We must be ready to have all the manifestations of self-life be put to death.

C. The fall of Jericho in Joshua is a picture of victory in the spiritual life.

1. When one is looking for reasons for spiritual defeat, he should not pray.

2. Instead, the believer should look for what is wrong in his life.

3. When we covet something from our old life, we covet something that is cursed.

D. God has made provision for failure (I John 1:9), but we should never be content when we are defeated.

III. Being content with some sin will never work because of...

A. The law of mastery.

1. One can only give his heart to one master.

2. If one is content being defeated, it is a sign that his real master is not Christ.

3. One must take up the cross—one cannot simply have Jesus’ life for our program. We receive Jesus’ life for God’s program.

4. The Spirit of God must often show us the things to which we are clinging.

5. We cannot make peace with any part of the self-life. It all must go as the Lord brings it to our attention.

B. The terrible loss that results.

1. In Christ, there is the potential to be what God wants a person to be.

2. The wages of sin is worthlessness and fruitlessness.

Application questions:

1. What areas of your life have you particularly struggled to want victory in?

2. What does it mean that we can only have one master? Does this mean that the believer is expected to be perfect? Explain.

3. Why is the Christian motivated to address all areas of life because of the fear of being fruitless? Explain.
