

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AOrd13x2017

Text: Romans 6:12-23

12 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion **in your mortal bodies**, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer present **your members** to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present **your members** to God as instruments of righteousness.

14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? **Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!** 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient **from the heart** to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

19 **I am speaking in human terms** because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented **your members** as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present **your members** as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. 20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So **what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed?** The end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Body - I/S, Music - I, Nature - I, People - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	<i>hypakoe</i> - under hearing wages a soldier's daily pay (<i>opsonia</i>)	"I hear and I obey". (Gilligan's Island)	
Eye - Visual/Spatial		The Christ event launched humanity into the ocean of grace and no one will ever take that away from believers. ~ Israel Kamudzandu , WP I think of the scene at the	

		<p>end of Finding Nemo when the other tank fish finally get into the bay. Yeah, they are still in their plastic bags, but life is different!!</p>	
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>		<p>Vs. 16 - an exclusive contract</p> <p>confusing "freedom" with "privilege"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freedom = loosed from bondage • privilege = exercising one's will without regard to the bondage of others - and isn't this kind of freedom bondage? <p>Freedom comes from self-mastery. Self smart</p> <p>What is the fruit of sin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power-hungry dictators unleashing tanks against their own peoples to suppress dissent. • impoverished people living in ramshackle slums • hoarding all the resources • government leaders who profit personally from injustice 	<p>Chinese finger trap - the only way to get out is to go in further.</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic D2</p>	<p>vs. 17 obedient from the heart</p> <p>more than the seat of emotions;</p> <p>it is the well of what makes a person a person; it is the will, where one makes decisions, where one's</p>	<p>There seems to be a strain of dualism at work here, that we have mind and members. The members submit to the choices of mind, and so can be thought of a tools of the mind to do its work, like a wrench or hammer or wagon.</p>	<p>⇐ Bring a tool box or collection of various tools to demonstrate their use at your command. Imagine both creative and destructive uses for the tools. This is how our bodies are used either for sin or for righteousness.</p>

	<p>person resides</p>	<p>vs. 19 - Paul warns against the mis-use of our bodies.</p> <p>How have we mis-used them? Too much sugar, too much fat, too much caffeine, too much alcohol, too much self medication, too little exercise, too little breathing, too little connection with life-giving sources.....</p>	<p>⇐ Misusing your tools ↑ Use screwdriver as hammer; saw as screwdriver; pliers as awl, etc.</p>
<p>Musical D2</p>		<p>Reporting for duty: A short poem from a soldier</p> <p>Bob Dylan, Gotta Serve Somebody • lyrics</p>	
<p>Natural MWD</p>	<p>“... by opening ourselves to God’s goodness we not only experience forgiveness and hope but also begin a journey where that love produces love in and through us. God’s goodness and generosity reproduces itself.” William Loader</p>	<p>Classification: instrument of wickedness - switchblade; instrument of righteousness - scalpel Instrument of death - nuclear bomb; instrument of life - nuclear power plant</p> <p>⇐ This goodness and generosity (and other fruits of the Spirit) are like perennial plants. They survive the dormant season and are new every year.</p> <p>What is the fruit of sin? See below in People</p> <p>Grace grows to cover us</p>	

		like the carapace of a turtle. It becomes part of us.	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>To what will we be freely obedient?</p> <p>The capacity for self mastery and free obedience comes from 1) baptism, 2) community, and 3) prayer in the Spirit David Lose, paraphrased</p> <p>“the purpose of such discipline is not to establish a community of the perfect, but a community consisting of [men and women] who really live under the forgiving mercy of God.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer, <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i>, trans. R. H. Fuller, rev. ed. (New York: The Macmillan Co., 1960), p. 288</p>	<p>Vs. 13b Inprocessing at USAFA, class of 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit Flores (Starship Troopers) • Crew reporting for duty (no idea...) <p>Workers who refuse to work for unethical companies</p> <p>Werner Van Braun started as an instrument of the Nazi war machine, but he went on to become an instrument of the American space program. (While arguably an instrument of cold war, the space program provided remarkable science and discovery and much benefit to everyday life.)</p>	<p>vs. 21, 23 - The fruit of death, the wages of sin is death.</p> <p>How many of our collective behavior lead to these wages? For example, holding grudges, "other-ing", brushing off obligations to other members because they always come through without thinking that they always come through because people are loading them up with their obligations, careless language, fearful language, gossip</p> <p>Write down on paper one act of obedience you have freely chosen (marriage, service, job, parenthood, etc). How can your brothers and sisters in your congregation support you in this? How can you support them in theirs?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>Sin and death stem from powerful forces within our own being which are generated through our alienation from God, from others and from ourselves. William Loader</p>	<p>Chronic illness might be used <i>carefully</i> as a metaphor that illustrates the pervasive nature of alienation - it is literally in every cell of one's being if untreated.</p> <p>Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal</p>	

	<p>“present” yourselves can be understood as give in service to</p>	<p>confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i>, trans. R. H. Fuller, rev. ed. (New York: The Macmillan Co., 1960), p. 36.</p> <p>Downton Abbey - the servants were proud to serve Downton; they found meaning and honor being "in service"</p>	
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