

Indwelling Sin in Believers by John Owen

Chapter 15: Blocking the Springs of Grace

- 1) Owen says that indwelling sin seeks to block the springs of grace. What are the two springs of grace that he mentions?
- 2) Owen outlines three methods that indwelling sin uses to block the springs of grace.
 - a) Sloth and negligence.
 - 1) “When the soul neglects gracious, soul-affecting thoughts of _____, _____, _____, and _____ this blocks the springs of grace.”
 - 2) Indwelling sin blunts our awareness of _____ and _____ spreads over the whole soul.
 - b) Formality.
 - 1) We are to approach God with _____.
 - 2) When we engage in anything involving faith and love toward God, we must do it with _____.
 - 3) Indwelling sin , working with the _____ of our minds will gradually bring us to be content with _____.
 - c) Corrupting the _____ of the gospel.
 - 1) The springs of gospel obedience may be blocked by _____.
 - 2) “Such are all those that minimize _____ and elevate _____.”
 - 3) “A commandment always practised is _____.”
- 3) Sin seeks to draw us from our _____.
 - a) Why does Owen say that men who have known years of walking with God in their later years have spent time wrestling with perplexing temptations?
 - b) To the degree that a soul yields to temptations, Satan has _____ and _____ over a believer.
- 4) Some things that invite Satan to return:
 - a) _____ with the things of the world.

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- 1) His temptations only impel them in _____ though he adds _____.
- 2) When men have become spiritually faint through _____, Satan sets on them.
- b) Lack of _____.
 - 1) Satan will seek to make our lives _____ and _____ by weakening our _____ and withering our _____.
- c) Bad _____.
 - 1) Explain under what circumstances older believers can corrupt younger believers.
- 5) To aid younger Christians, Owen mentions these cautions:
 - a) There are _____ among professing Christians.
 - 1) Instead of _____ you could be following _____.
 - b) Those you observe could be withering under _____.
 - c) The _____ many Christians make could be deceptive.
 - d) Cherishing _____.
 - 1) This makes the soul _____, lessens _____, darkens _____, and troubles the _____.
 - e) Neglect of _____.
 - 1) Isaiah says that this comes from a _____ of God (Isaiah 43:22).
 - 2) "... what we are in _____, that we are, and no more."
 - 3) "... what a man is _____, that he is in the _____ of God, and no more."
 - f) Knowledge without _____.
 - g) _____ wisdom.
 - 1) As _____ increases, _____ decays.
 - h) Sin not _____ of.
 - 1) If this is neglected, it _____ the heart, weakens _____, and discourages _____.