

Defilement

Why Some People Do Not Experience Miracles in Their Lives

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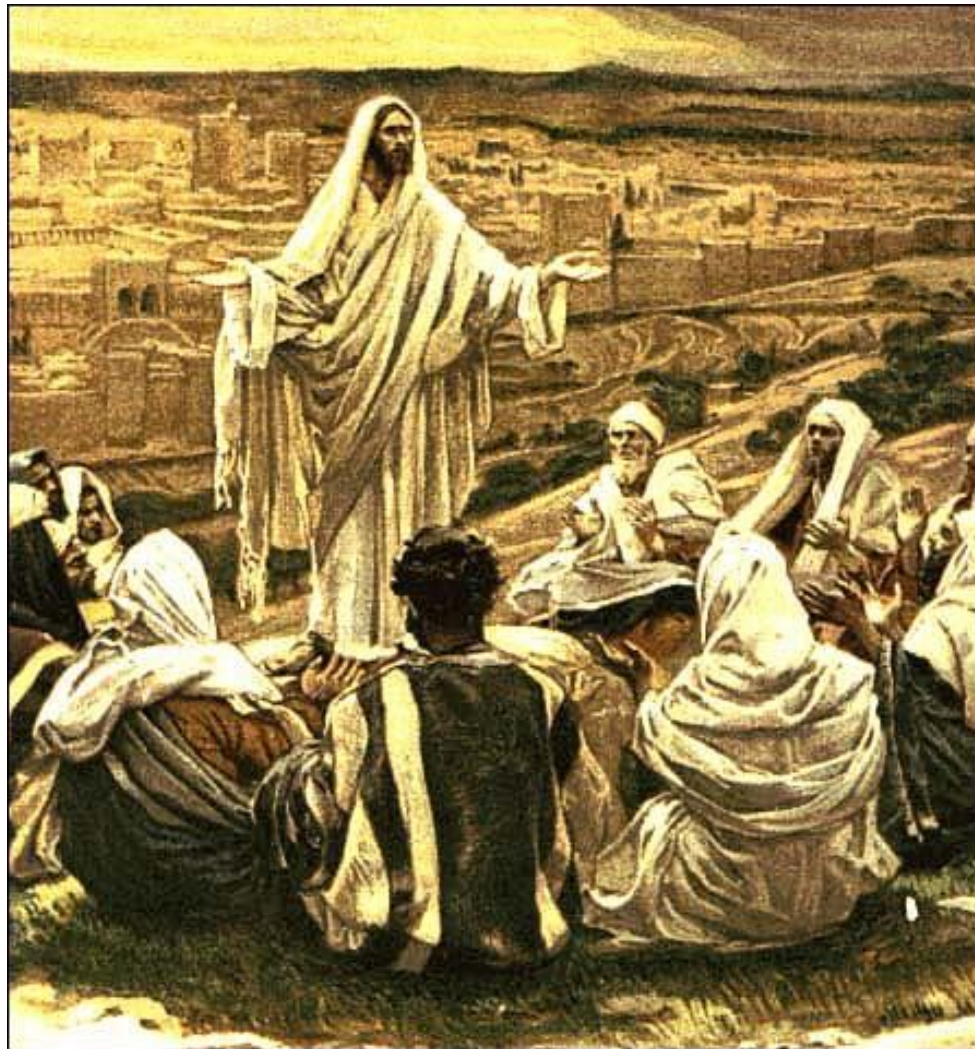
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Leviticus 18:24-26

*Do not **defile** yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became **defiled**. Even the land was **defiled**; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things. NIV*

Pray



Have you ever been around someone
who made you feel unclean?



Defile, Defiled, Defilement

- Dirty
- Tarnish
- Corrupt
- Polluted
- Unclean
- Rubbish
- ***Defilement is a powerful force behind many of our sins***
- ***Defiled things are detested by God – blocks His presence***



Defilements can affect you through:

- Defiled things (objects), places, and even through defiled people
- Defilements enter you through your 5 senses...
- ...or they can affect your body, thoughts, emotions, or spirit



Let's brainstorm examples of defiled things

- Places:
- Things:
- Five Senses:
 - See
 - Touch
 - Hear
 - Taste
 - Smell

When people become defiled they can become carriers of unclean spirits

- *Some people are so unclean (by their sinful practices/bondage) that they trail behind them a demonic train, a cloud of demons.*
- *Spiritually discerning people can actually “feel” them*
- ***All mature believers can and should learn to discern and avoid defilements.***

When in the presence of someone or something that is defiled:

- You might suddenly have a reaction in your thoughts, emotions, or body.
- Your reaction might mirror their defilement, or, you might have a repulsive reaction.
- *Ex: unclean spirit -> "Get away from me!"*
- *Ex: violent spirit -> Desire to run away*
- *Ex: spirit of heaviness -> sick stomach, headache, dizziness, sleepiness or depression*

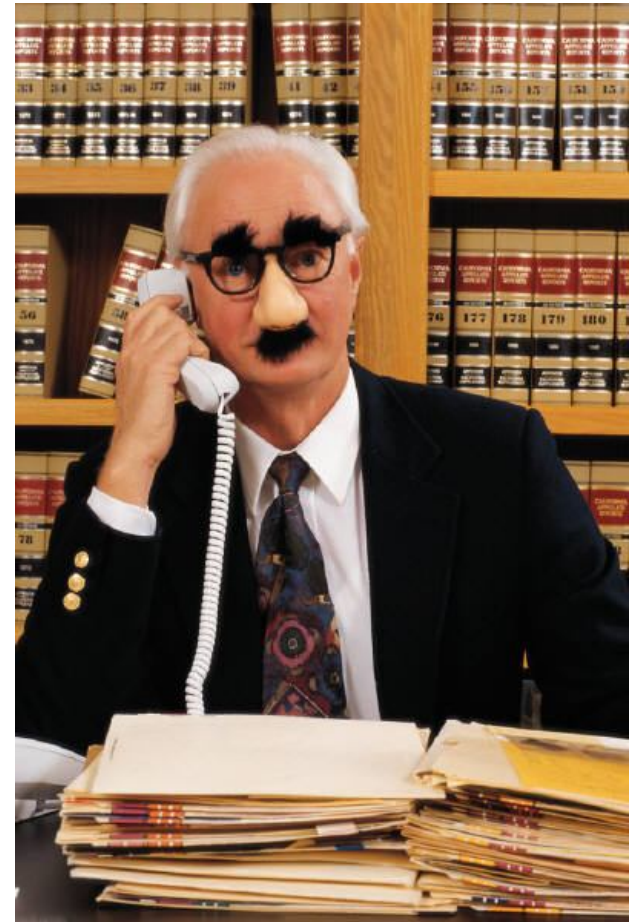
God wants us to be warned

Any person with a serious skin disease must wear torn clothes, leave his hair loose and unbrushed, cover his upper lip, and cry out, "unclean! Unclean!"

Leviticus 13:45

But we try to conceal our defilement!

Unfortunately, nowadays most defiled people wear masks and try to hide their defilements and look “normal” (on the surface at least!)



How we become defiled?

- *Sometimes **accidentally***
 - “You must not live according to the customs of the nations...” Lev. 20:23
- *Sometimes **willfully***
 - “Bad company corrupts good character.” 1 Cor. 15:33
- *Sometimes **through impostors***
 - “...certain men... have secretly slipped in among you. Godless men...” Jude 4

You cannot have it both ways

- “They worshiped the LORD ... but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations...” 2 Kings 17:33
- “They neither worship the LORD nor adhere to the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands that the LORD gave...” 2 Kings 17:34
- *Ex: American Missionary/Elder*
- *Ex: Trinidad Bible Student*
- *Ex: Vietnamese Pastor*

Once contaminated, defilement is inside

- "... out of a men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils make a man unclean (defiled)." Mark 7:21-23

These defilements need to be pulled out

- "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots." Matt. 15:13

Solution: Practice Spiritual Hygiene

- Get clean **inside** (pull out the defiled roots)
- Stay clean **outside** (keep away from contaminants)



Step 1: Things already inside

What do we do about it?

- Jesus offers to forgive and cleanse us:
 - *Confession* (detailed),
 - *Repentance*, (item by item)
 - *Deliverance*, (testing for spirits)
 - *Let Jesus heal you*, (healing the inner man with His Truth)
 - Go and *sin no more* (walk in freedom)



Step 2: Contaminants from Outside

What do we do about it?

- Keep away from everything that defiles
 - ***Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing!*** Isaiah 52:11a
- Be on guard
 - ***Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour*** 1 Peter 5:8
- Stay prayed-up
 - ***Pray continually*** 1 Thes. 5:17

Contaminants from Outside

- Be in accountability relationships
 - ***Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed*** James 5:16
- Avoid temptations
 - ***If sinners entice you, do not give in...do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths***
Prov. 1:10+15
- ***And when tempted...***

When we are tempted...

RUN!!!!!!



Then go back and repeat step 1: confess, repent, deliverance, healing, and sin no more.

Ministry examples

People set free from defilements including:

- Places:
- Things:
- Five senses:
 - Taste:
 - Smell:
 - Touch:
 - See:
 - Hear:
- Other People:

Let's pray

- Lord search us...
- Reveal the things that defile us in our hearts
- Expose the things around us that may add to our defiled condition
- Help us keep our surroundings spiritually clean
- Cleanse us from within
- Set us apart, keep us holy and undefiled...
- So that we can experience more of Your supernatural presence in our lives
- And see Your miracles every day
- And give YOU glory and praise.