



MASQUERADE

Part 4 – Unmasking our Dark Side
October 22, 2017

(2 Corinthians 4:2 MSG) We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes... Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open...

Behind the Mask

(John 3:20) Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

✓ We have an _____.

(Genesis 4:7) ...sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.

✓ We take a _____.

(James 1:14) Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

✓ We begin to _____.

(John 8:44) When he (Satan) lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

✓ We take a _____.

(James 1:15) Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

✓ We start the _____.

(Romans 7:18-19) ...For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Unmasking our Dark Side

(1 John 1:5-10) God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all...If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His Word has no place in our lives.

1. _____.

(2 Timothy 2:22) Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2. Be _____.

(Proverbs 28:13) He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

3. Take _____.

(Proverbs 5:8) Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house.

4. Make _____ of my life.

(Romans 6:12-14) Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God...For sin shall not be your master...

(John 8:12) When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Today, _____
to spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity.

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