

††† SERMON NOTES †††

Matt. 12:29, 43-45; Luke 11:24-28

GET OUT OF NEUTRAL!! THE DANGER OF NEUTRALTY

When we want to change, we must become something else!

1. Satan never _____ on you!
The NIV doesn't pick up on it, but most translations say, "I will return to MY house." (v. 44)

2. You can't leave your soul _____
It's not enough to drive out evil – you must be filled with the _____.

3. A religion of _____ is never enough to keep Satan out.

4. The place to go for a new tenant is the "strong man" – _____
_____, who has defeated Satan at Calvary" (v. 29)

5. The only permanent cure for evil is positive Christian faith demonstrated by _____.

Eph. 4:22ff ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin"^[d]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Luke 11:28 – Jesus concludes this teaching with the statement that blessing comes on those who hear the Word of God and _____ it! Reformation (trying to do better) without regeneration (the power of God in your life) leads to frustration!

