

## People Who Mean Business with God

*Scripture reading: Ezekiel 8:11-12*

Let us look a little closer at the problem that we, the people of God, are faced with at this time:

Ezekiel 8:11-12 shows that because your mind is your own, because I do not see what you are thinking, because I do not see what you are feeling, you feel that you are safe. We feel that we are safe because nobody else knows that we lusted over here, or we desired over there. It is all in your mind!

I remember one of the great testings I received as a young man. I had told God to take my life unless I was going to live holy. If He saw that I was not going to live holy, He must "Kill me now!" I said, "God, I am going to give you a chance to kill me! I will neither eat nor drink water for forty days. Kill me!" I am talking about people who mean business with God, whose life does not mean anything to them compared to gaining that thing which God has ordained for them.

Well, God did not kill me, as you might notice. He brought me alive again after this terrible ordeal, but it gave a deathblow. Shortly after this happened, I went to bed one night and got up struggling in my sleep because something was choking me. When I woke up, I was still being choked and I was still struggling. I found out that there was a girl on top of me. She had crept into the room naked, got on top of me, and held me. She felt that she could overcome me in that way.

The first thing that happened, as I came to consciousness, was anger. Why should she believe that I would cast away God for her! She did not respect the power of my salvation! I overcame that night, but I still lost the church and my name. Do you know why? Because a woman refused is a savage creature. She went out and told everybody how she slept with me; and my dignity would not allow me to defend myself against the tongues of my accusers.

I want you to understand that if you are in a condition where a naked woman can come in and take you, you are in a bad shape. And I know many of us are in that shape. **You have to get to the point where it would not faze you, it would not affect you. You have to get to that point!**

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*Thought for today:* You can only get to the point where sensuality does not faze you if you allow Christ Jesus to come into your mind and to control your body, so that your body will not obey any other master but your mind; and your mind, your spirit; and your spirit, the Holy Spirit!