



### Evaluating Our Walls

In our last study guide, we looked at the sins you needed to repent of. This is the first step in "patching up" the holes in your life that allows the enemy to gain access into your life and the lives of those you are closest to. It is the role of the Holy Spirit to lead you to the very areas of your life that need repair. Now it is time to look at the slow process of erosion that the enemy created with those "holes." It usually starts with something small and the enemy grows them into areas of vast destruction and devastation. These areas start out with habits that do not seem to be that big of a deal, but later; we can see the hold these areas can have on our lives.

**List and explain one area that the enemy used in your life as a small habit and later you were able to see the "spiritual hold" this area had or has in your life:** \_\_\_\_\_

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If we lose the reverence for God and start to view Him as our "buddy," the enemy can then trap us. One of the techniques that the enemy uses in our lives is removing the "fear of God" in our lives.

**Why do you believe it is important to maintain a proper "fear of God" in our lives?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Now read Psalms 1 and write out the Biblical answer that you found.** \_\_\_\_\_

When men neglect their hearts, their lives will begin to crumble like walls around a fortress. We will soon be overrun by the world and it's philosophies. The enemy desires for us to adopt worldly ideas to battle our struggles in or after the flesh. Repentance is not the complete answer for true deliverance, repentance with rebuilding is. Once the Lord removes the spiritual strongholds in our lives, we must immediately rebuild those areas or the enemy comes back to attack in a fashion that is far more wicked than before.

**List out the areas that you have already repented of and that need rebuilding:**

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The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of God. Without the wisdom of the Lord, it is impossible to be the leader God has called you to be. As we noted in previous study guides, being a cupbearer is laying ones life down for another. Gaining trust from those around you only comes by a display of sacrifice – laying your life down for them. Once we have repented of living for ourselves and begin to rebuild the walls in our lives, we then are able to experience intimacy with God, our wives, children and friends. Intimacy comes through weaknesses not strength. When we are willing to be weak before God, family and friends, we will find others attracted to us for relationship.

**What relationships do you lack intimacy?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Leaders that are intimate have a clear recognition of the needs around them. Many leaders believe that recognizing the needs around them is easy but for most it is a difficult task. Due to the fact that leaders typically are focused on their own needs, they neglect seeing the needs of those that are around them. They seem to be great at giving the answers but fall short on asking the right questions. Are you aware of the needs around you?

**List out five individuals you are close to and what you believe is their greatest need:**

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This is an exercise that you should complete for every person you are close to within the next 2 weeks.