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Cobwebs

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Cobwebs are intricate networks created by spiders. They can be bad for our health because they collect dust/molds which can cause allergies. They are usually in dark places, and can entangle and can be obscure. In our Christian life, let us trust in God and no one else (Job 8:14). Let us not allow our vision to be covered by “cobwebs”; let there be no “cobwebs” over the mission of God.

1. How do we prevent “spider webs” from affecting our Christian life?

1.1) Let us always keep ourselves clean through confession (1 Jn. 1:9).

1.2) Let us be alert and evaluate which aspects of our lives are not entangled or organized.

1.3) We should not abandon the Holy Spirit. When the bad spirit finds an empty space, he will come back with 7 more bad spirits (Mt. 12:45).

1.4) Let us be vigilant that our sins do not accumulate (Jn. 4:14-26).

1.5) Let us free ourselves from cobwebs of youthful passion; rather, let us pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace (2 Tim. 2).

1.6) Let us always have light. Have our Bibles been covered with cobwebs due to lack of use?

1.7) When there are gaps or cracks in our spiritual lives, we are making ourselves easy prey, allowing satan to influence us (Ez. 22: 30; Heb 10:25).

1.8) Let us stay away from hidden places where we will be tempted, thinking that nobody will see us. God knows everything. Let us always double-check our motives (1 Sam. 24:7).

1.9) Let us make sure we are always fragrant, permeating the anointing oil of the Holy Spirit (Lk. 4:18-19), spreading our perfume of cleanliness, love, joy and peace.

2. Spiders can be seen as both good and bad. The Bible uses spider webs to symbolize great work and protection, but these could also indicate evil.

2.1) Do we leave the lights on? We are the light, set apart to guide others to God (Mt. 5:16). Let

others see the fruit of the Holy Spirit in us (Gal. 5:22). We must strive to be more like His likeness (1Jn. 2:10-11).

2.2 In our homes, there are two types of security:

2.2.1 the “safe room” is the name of the Lord, fortified and with complete safety;

2.2.2 the other is wealth/money, which gives false security. Let us be alert and draw our strength from God (1Pt. 5:7-8).

2.3) The spider is a symbol of great work: small, humble with extraordinary ability. All of us have been given many talents and potential (Is. 40:30-31). God is always using ordinary people. When God moves, He will choose ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary accomplishments. What we do with our God-given potential will define our lives (Act 3; Mt 19:26). Opportunities only end when we are no longer here (2 Cor. 3).

2.4) God is sending a hedge of protection (Jn. 14:12-14). Let us resist the devil (Jas. 4:7). We are seeing the erosion of stable home with the influence of media. The lust of the eye and the flesh make enjoyment sensual and deadly. Let us build our family in a Godly environment (Dt. 6).

Conclusion:

Let us not be dormant as Christians (Lk. 19:10). The grace of God is sufficient (1 Cor. 10:12). Let us bring souls to Christ (Mt. 9:38) and support our community’s plan for 2021 to expand our territory (Josh. 1).

Reflection:

Has your vision been covered in cobwebs? How can you remove the cobwebs that hinder your service to God’s mission?

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