

TURNING THE TABLES #1

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Def: "turning the tables" - If you turn the tables on someone or some situation, you change the situation completely, so that someone or something loses its advantage and you gain the advantage. The dynamic of the relationship or situation is flipped.

"On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.' The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching." Mark 11:15-18 NIV

His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." John 2:17 NIV

THE MESSAGE = _____!

"The Fear-of-GOD means hating Evil, whose ways I hate with a passion—pride and arrogance and crooked talk." Proverbs 8:13 MSG

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THE HARDEST ONE OF ALL: CONFRONTING SELF

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action. Anyone who sets himself up as "religious" by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. James 1:22-26 MSG

TWO RESPONSES:

#1 _____ → _____ → _____

#2 _____ → _____ → _____

I AM _____.

"But I, God, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things. I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be." Jeremiah 17:10 MSG

I AM _____.

"Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD." Lamentations 3:40 NIV

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?" 2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

I AM _____.

“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 is not in us.” 1 John 1:8-10 NIV

I AM _____.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 NIV

I AM _____.

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” Matthew 7:3-5 NIV

“Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,” Galatians 6:4 NIV

I AM _____.

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,” Acts 3:19 NIV

“So turn around! Turn your backs on your rebellious living so that sin won’t drag you down. Clean house. No more rebellions, please. Get a new heart! Get a new spirit! Why would you choose to die, Israel? I take no pleasure in anyone’s death. Decree of GOD, the Master. “Make a clean break! Live!” Ezekiel 18:30-32 MSG

HOW DO I KNOW I NEED TO CONFRONT MYSELF?

LOOK AT:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____

FOR DISCUSSION:

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN OR FELT SOMETHING WRONG AND SAID, “ENOUGH!” ?

ARE YOU GOOD AT CONFRONTING YOURSELF? OK? OR NOT SO GOOD?

HAVE YOU EVER SUCCESSFULLY RECOGNIZED AND CORRECTED PATTERN OF SINFUL BEHAVIOR? WHAT WAS THE KEY FOR YOU?

HOW, AS BROTHERS, CAN WE HELP EACH OTHER TURN THE TABLES ON TEMPTATION AND HELP EACH OTHER GET THE ADVANTAGE BACK FOR CHRIST?

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL TAKE-AWAY FROM THE LORD FROM HIS WORD?

