

Genesis 3:6-13

☐ Monday - No Little Sins.

Genesis 3:6

Spurgeon writes, "Some have said, 'Surely the sin of Adam was but a little one; he did but take an apple and eat it.' Yes, but in its littleness was its greatness. If it was but a little thing to take the forbidden fruit, with how little trouble might the sin have been avoided! And because it was so small an act, there was couched within it the greater malignity of guilt." Christian, beware of "little" sins, for it is "the little foxes, that spoil the vines" (Song of Solomon 2:15).
Read 1 John 3:4

☐ Tuesday - A Three-Headed Monster.

Genesis 3:6

The apostle John groups sin into three broad categories: [1] "lust of the flesh" [2] "lust of the eyes" and [3] "the boastful pride of life" (1 John 2:16). And here, in Genesis 3 we see all three: "When the woman saw that the tree was good for food" (lust of the flesh), "and that it was a delight to the eyes" (lust of the eyes), "and that the tree was desirable to make one wise" (pride of life), "she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate" (Gen. 3:6). Help us, O Lord, we cannot fight this three-headed beast by ourselves! But you are our Dread Champion (Jer. 20:11).
Read 1 John 1:8-10

☐ Wednesday - Knowing Good and Evil.

Genesis 3:7

The serpent said that if the man and the woman ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil: [1] their eyes would be opened, [2] they would be like God, and [3] they would know good and evil (Gen. 3:5). Adam and Eve already knew what was good; indeed, everything that God had made and that they had experienced in Eden was "very good" (Gen. 1:31). But now, after eating the forbidden fruit, their eyes were indeed opened (Gen. 3:7), and suddenly they knew evil: corruption, depravity, fear, guilt and shame ravaged their hearts. Christian, "Abhor what is evil and cling to what is good" (Rom. 12:9).
Read 1 Thessalonians 5:21

☐ Thursday - Hide & Seek.

Genesis 3:8-9

"They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'" (Gen. 3:8-9). God knew where Adam was. Indeed, "There is no creature hidden from His sight" (Heb. 4:13). In Adam's little game of hide and seek, notice who is hiding and who is seeking. "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).
Read Psalm 139:7-12

☐ Friday - Mea Culpa.

Genesis 3:12-13

"And the man said, 'The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate'" (Gen. 3:12). Adam blamed his downfall on the woman, and even implicated the Lord. The woman responded, "The serpent deceived me" (Gen. 3:13); "The devil made me do it," was her defense. Man's speech is usually sprinkled with "me", "myself", and "I", until he is caught in some sin, then it is "her", "him", and "them"! Sin has a teflon coating when it comes to personal responsibility. But regardless of upbringing, environmental factors, heredity, peer pressure, each is accountable to God for his actions. There can be no forward progress in the Christian life, no sanctification, and no growth, until we accept the culpability for our sins. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10