

Stagnant Waters

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” John 7:38 ESV

Christians, we have this river of Life flowing through us....if we do not dam it up

Stopping Stagnation in the Body

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 1:13

The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!” As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed. Proverbs 26:13-14

Stopping Stagnation in the Soul and Spirit

1. Study the Scriptures

“... man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.” Deuteronomy 8:3

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” Jeremiah 2:13

2. Depart Disobedience and Prefer God’s Presence

“But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord...” Jonah 1:3

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent (STAGNANT IN HEART -NASB), those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ Zephaniah 1:12

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23

3. Steer from Sin:

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Romans 6:1-2

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:12-14

4. Obstructed Outflow:

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

Water of Life

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."
Revelation 22:1-5

What can I do?

-Believe on Jesus Christ. Choose to keep God's commandments and lead a disciplined life. When you sin, confess the sin immediately and repent of it, change your mind and your behavior to conform to God's statutes.

-Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you and help you on a daily basis. Acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is present and with you.

-Seek to spread the Gospel. Encourage others and seek to bless those around you.