

Slaying Dragons – Daniel Kolenda

Chapter 8 – How To Kill Your Pet Dragon

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[p117] “When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death” (Jas. 1:13–15).

[p118] Every evil in this world comes through the hearts of men.

[p118] Lust, pride, greed, selfishness in all its forms, hatred, the abandonment of responsibility, lack of self-discipline - these are the kind of dragons that usually destroy us.

[p119] Adolf Hitler, at one time he was an innocent child. Somewhere along the way a thought came into his mind that began to change him.

[p119] But just as the evil that produced the Nazi nightmare began in someone’s mind, so did the courageous deeds that vanquished it.

[p119] World War II is usually seen as one big war, but in reality it was millions of wars fought in millions of minds. Millions of men and women determined to vanquish evil had to start by battling their own dragons of fear and cowardice.

SHOW NO MERCY; TAKE NO PRISONERS

[p122] Sin can destroy our lives, both in this world and in eternity. Not only that but it can also destroy the lives of those around us.

ADMIT IT EXISTS

[p122] Why should we confess our sins to one another? Because when we walk in accountability, we are able to receive help and grace from other people.

HOW TO BE HOLY

[p126] When a man has come to the place where his love for Christ has surpassed his desire for all else, only the presence of God will satisfy him, and the will of God becomes his delight.

CULTIVATING INTIMACY

[p128] Christians who raise dragons are doing so for one of two reasons:

1. They aren’t spending time with Jesus.
2. They aren’t obeying.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is our secret weapon against temptation?

How do we know that God wants us to enjoy Him?

What are some ways you can tell if you are deeply satisfied in God?

If someone is not enjoying God, spending time in His presence, and finding satisfaction in Him, what would you suggest he do?