

TRAINING HARD? OR HARDLY TRAINING?

Bay Area Church of Christ


Men's Retreat
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BAY AREA MEN'S RETREAT

1. EVALUATE MY LIFE.

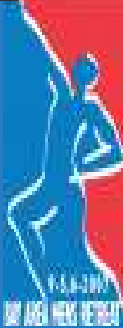
5 evaluation questions to ask myself.



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Am I involved in
Ceremony
Without
Consecration?



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For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.



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3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4



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Do I display
Confidence
with out
Cause?



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Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them... 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 1 Corinthians 10:5a, 12



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Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups.




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*You need firsthand evidence,
not mere hearsay... Test it
out. If you fail the test, do
something about it.*

2 Corinthians 13:5 (MP)



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I do
Activity
without
Achievement?



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...their bodies were scattered over the desert.

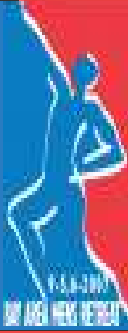
1 Corinthians 10:5a



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...Here are the words of the One who holds the seven spirits of God... He says, "I know what you are doing. People think you are alive, but you are dead."


Revelation 3:1 (NirV)



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I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing.


John 15:5 (MP)



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I Practice
Spirituality
without
Self-Control ?



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These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, ⁷or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say,



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The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.” 8 And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did. 1 Corinthians 10:7-9 (NLT)



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But the fruit of the Spirit is... 23 self-control.

Galatians 5:22, 23 (NIV)



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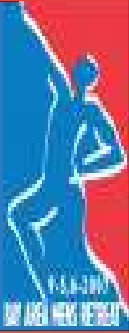
For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age... Titus 2:12 (NIV)



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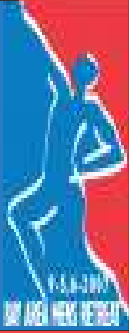
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I am involved in
Grumbling
Without
Gratitude?



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*And do not grumble, as
some of them did...*

1 Corinthians 10:10 (NIV)



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Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe. Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)

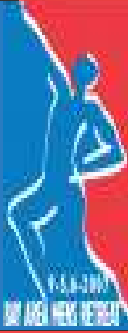


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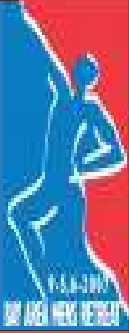
The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience...

1 Corinthians 10:13a (NLT)




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You can't whitewash your sins and get by with it; you find mercy by admitting and leaving them. Proverbs 28:13 (MP)



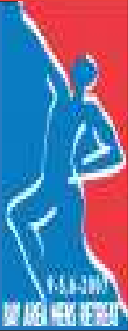
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If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. ⁹On the other hand, if we admit our sins--



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make a clean breast of them-- he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. 1 John 1:8, 9 (MP)



3.

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God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 Corinthians 10:13b (NLT)



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I need to...
Run from the sinful




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*And so, my dear friends,
keep on running away
from idolatry.*


1 Corinthians 10:14 (ISV)



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*The love of money causes all kinds
of evil. Some people have left the
faith, because they wanted to get
more money, but they have caused
themselves much sorrow.¹¹ But
you, man of God, run away from all
those things. **1 Timothy 6:10 (NSV)***



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I need to...
Resist the permissible.



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*"Everything is permissible"-but
not everything is beneficial.
"Everything is permissible"-but
not everything is constructive.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)



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I need to...
be Ruled by the beneficial.



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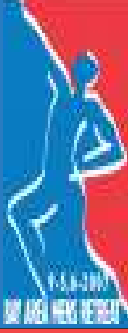
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So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)




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I can do anything I want to if Christ has not said no, but some of these things aren't good for me. Even if I am allowed to do them, I'll refuse to if I think they might get such a grip on me that I can't easily stop when I want to. 1 Corinthians 6:12 (LB)



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I need to...
connect in Relationship.



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We want to live well, but our foremost efforts should be to help others live well.

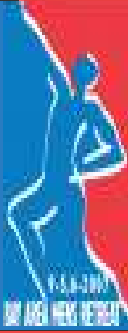
1 Corinthians 10:24 (MP)



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See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13, 14 (NIV)



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Look after each other so that not one of you will fail to find God's best blessings. Hebrews 12: 15 (LB)

