



Welcome to Sierra Community Church

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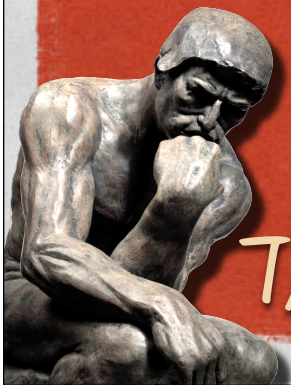
Bulletin Bloopers

- **Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.**
- **The 1997 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.**
- **Stewardship Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"**
- **For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**
- **Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.**

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- **The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.**
- **The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."**
- **During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when Pastor J.F. Stubbs filled in.**
- **Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.**

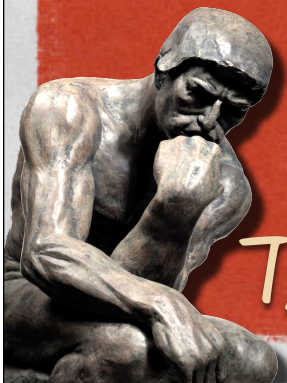
Romans 7:1-4; 14-25



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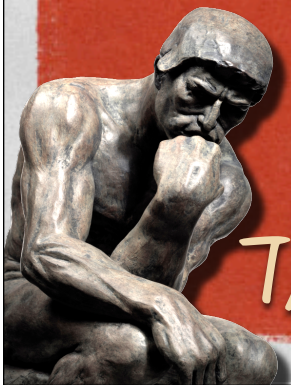
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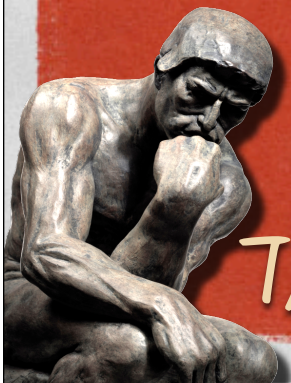
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2. What doesn't work.

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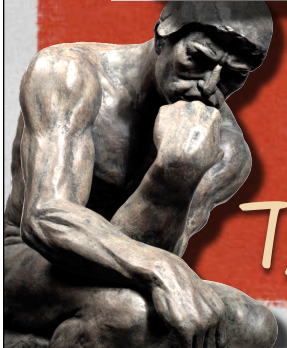
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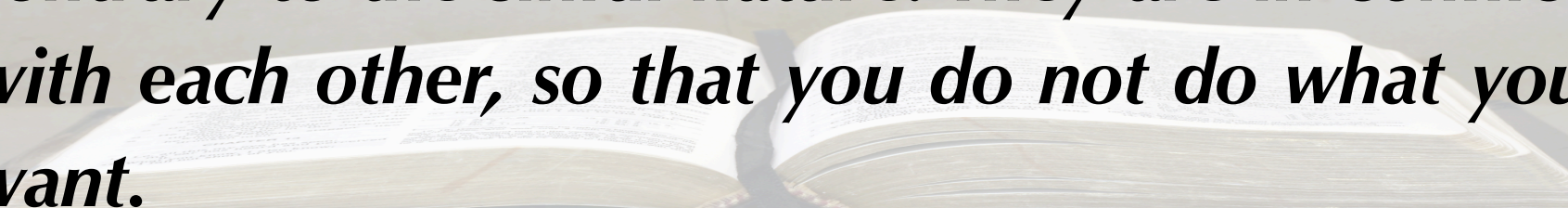
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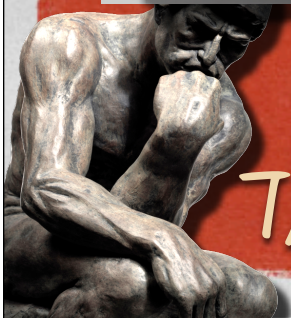
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“inward drive, our ambitions and appetites that live in opposition or rebellion to life under God’s design.”

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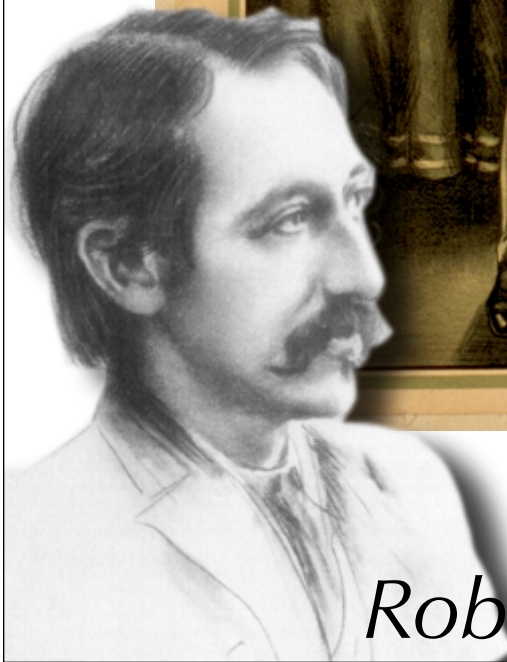


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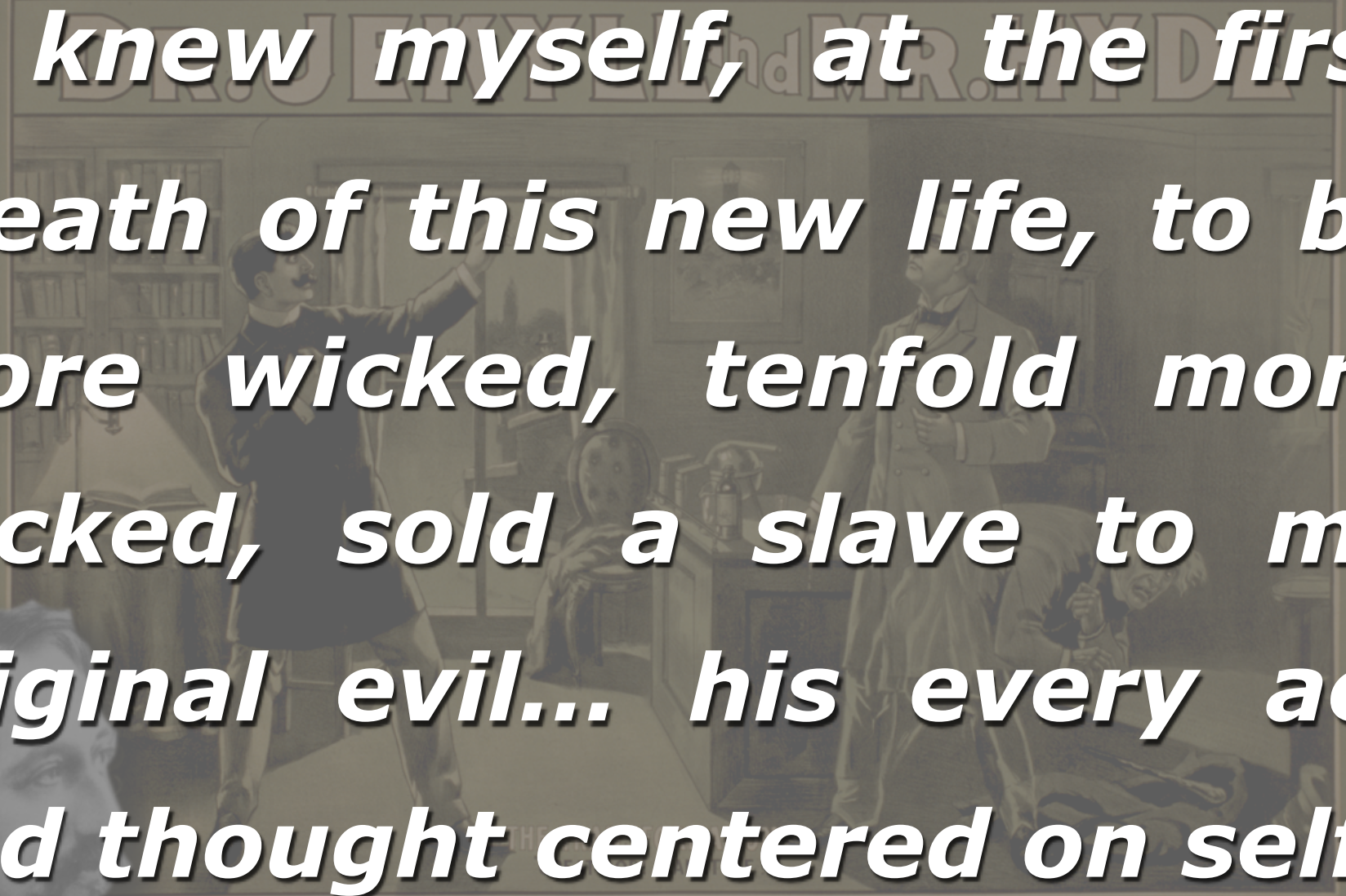
DR. JEKYLL and MR. HYDE



THE TRANSFORMATION
"GREAT GOD! CAN IT BE!!"



Robert Louis Stevenson



***“I knew myself, at the first
breath of this new life, to be
more wicked, tenfold more
wicked, sold a slave to my
original evil... his every act
and thought centered on self”***

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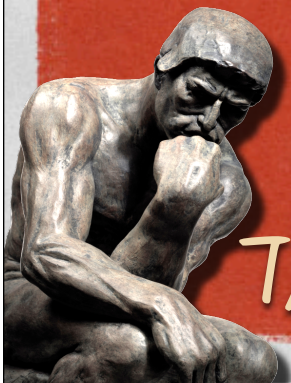
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Temperance

Order

Resolution

Frugality

Moderation

Industry

Cleanliness

Tranquility

Silence

Sincerity

Justice

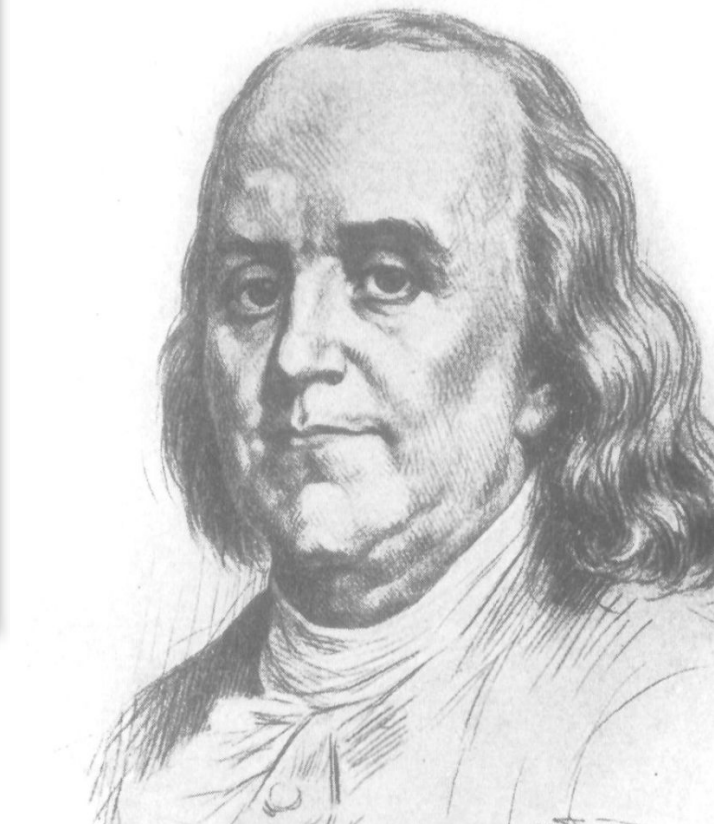
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Humility

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin 95

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Temperance.							
<i>Eat not to Dullness Drink not to Elevation.</i>							
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Temperance

Order

Reality:

Good intentions!

Although Franklin tried to follow the virtues himself, he sometimes strayed from his good intentions.

He wrote: "Be temperate in wine, in eating, girls, and cloth, or the Gout will seize you and plague you both." but, Franklin relished his food, womanized and often dressed to impress people. His food and wine-drinking habits led him to be plagued with the gout for much of his life.

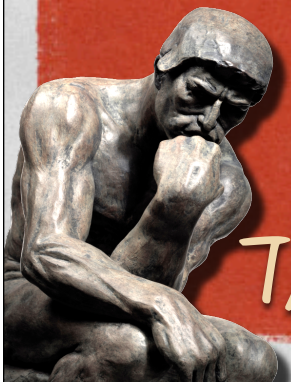
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c. Moral conformity rarely equals heart change.

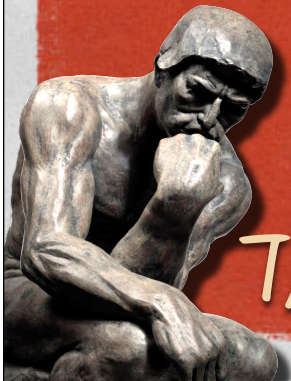


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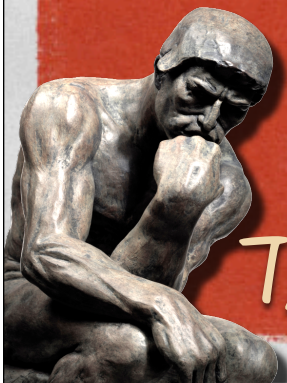
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An Illustration From Marriage

¹Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to men who know the law—that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives? ²For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. ³So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man.

⁴So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.

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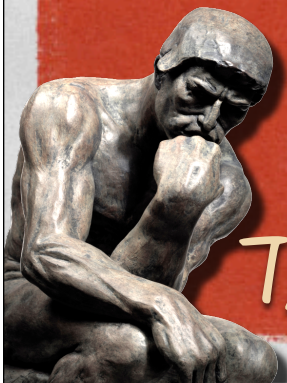
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b. Know that you are a new creation! -2Cor. 5:17

c. Give thanks! 7:25



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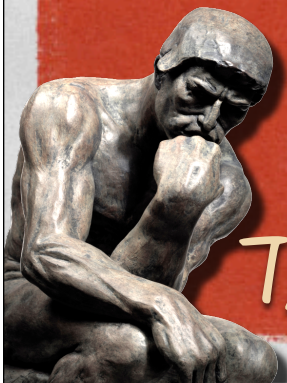
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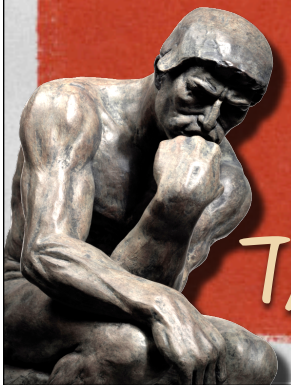


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2. *What doesn't work.*

We all have a sinful nature
living inside.



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