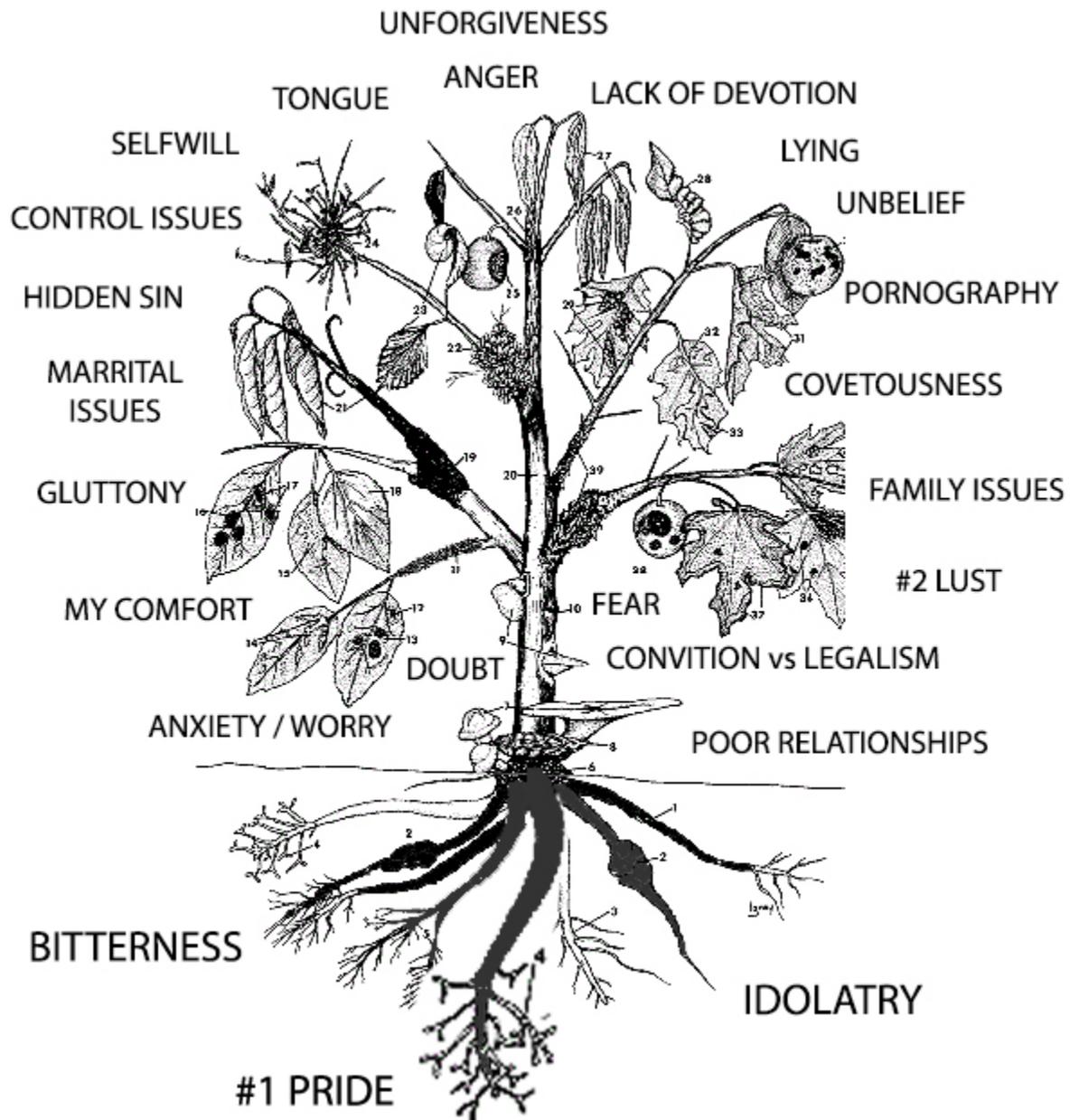


Not Uncommon to Man- Introduction

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17



We've entitled this study "Not Uncommon to Man" (1 Cor. 10-13) which was born and will grow up and mature out a poll we've taken amongst the brothers as to what are the top 3 things we are dealing or struggling with in our lives right now. Believe it or not this is just a small sampling from 10 men but we believe it covers the bases.

In this bible study series, we are going to explore and conquer these issues together, with the guiding of the Holy Spirit, through the Word, prayer for one another, and yes even fellowship.

The illustration of the sick tree (maybe it's more of a weed) demonstrates how all the issues stem from 3 main roots. It should be our goal to get at the root of the issues and with God's grace, mercy, tenderness, and healing have them removed so that we walk in humility and victory, useful to our Father for every good work and become more than overcomers, finishing this race well and hearing those words "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master."

Here are a few questions we will consider when discussing each root and the issues associated with it.

1. What does God say about it?
 - a. Diving into the scripture
2. What does the world say?
 - a. The culture, the flesh, the schemes of the enemy
3. How is my character affected?
 - a. Compromised, shame, self-loathing, mistrust
4. How is this affecting those closest to me?
 - a. God, The Church, wives, parents, siblings, children, co-workers
5. Do I need to change my mindset about it?
 - a. Repentance, kingdom minded, calling, goal, mission, vision

God has a calling and plan for each of us. It is vital that we know and understand what that calling is "where there is no vision the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18).

"Anything that refreshes you without distracting you from, diminishing or destroying your final goal (calling) is a legitimate pleasure in your life." ~ Ravi Zacharias

Brothers we believe that we live in such a time (and what a privilege it is) that we need to be awake, vigilante, sober and full of the Holy Spirit having our lamps full of oil and the extra oil ready to go. God has given us everything we need to walk after Him to love Him with all our heart mind soul and strength, to love one another, and serve His set apart ones. Let's go to the stream and be the ones that cup the water to our mouths to drink and not have our heads down in the water lapping like dogs. Let's be Mighty Men of Valor. (Judges 7)

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.