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PASTOR'S CORNER:

Spiritual Rogaine

"Abstain from every form of evil." Or as some put it abstain from the appearance of evil. **1st Thessalonians 5:22**

Barney had always been proud of his thick, wavy hair. But then he began to lose it. Finally just one lone hair remained on top of his shiny dome.

One morning Barney awoke, looked at his pillow, and was shocked to see that last hair lying there. Jumping out of bed, he ran downstairs crying, "Martha, Martha, I'm bald!"

That story reminds me of Samson, who "did not know that the Lord had departed from him" (Judges 16:20). A similar thing happens to the true believer in God who dabbles in the things of the world. He goes deeper into sin, slowly sliding away from the Lord, without knowing what is happening.

It is not until he has had some startling experience—perhaps due to God's discipline—that he sees his true condition. When brought under the searchlight of the Word of God, the deceived one is shocked to realize how Satan has stripped away his spiritual power and discernment.

Television, movie, and home video habits reveal how far some people have slipped. Suggestive words and immoral themes once considered offensive are tolerated as acceptable entertainment.

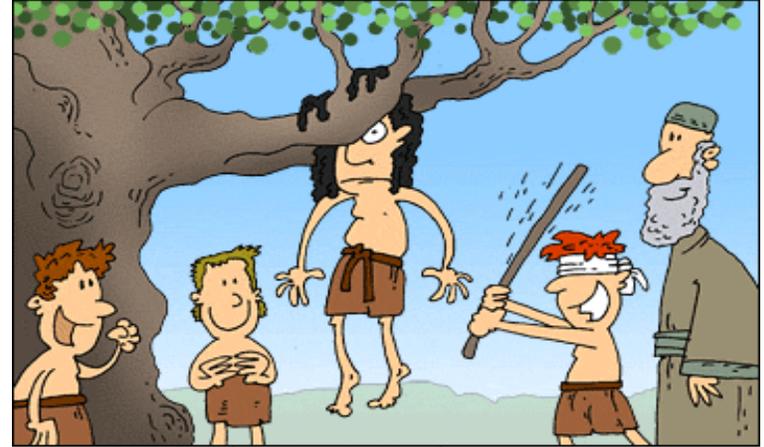
To avoid the kind of shock that Barney experienced, it's important to examine ourselves daily. Say, are you going bald spiritually?

"When I was a boy I used to think that strong meant having big muscles, great physical power; but the longer I live, the more I realize that real strength has much more to do with what is not seen. Real strength has to do with helping others."

Thoughts from Mr. Rogers

Remember, Samson's strength was not in his hair, because his strength came from the Lord.

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A Thoughts from President Ronald Reagan

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

"The white space between Bible verses is fertile soil for questions. One can hardly read Scripture without whispering.

I wonder if Eve ever ate any more fruit?

I wonder if Noah slept well during storms?

I wonder if Jonah liked fish or if Jeremiah had friends?"

Did Peter ever try water-walking again?

Would any woman have married Paul had he asked?"

Thought from Max Lucado's Book 'Cast of Characters' great book if you have an opportunity get and read it, a blessing.