

## ***"The Vortex of Desensitization"***

*Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (October 20, 2013)*

Introduction: The times have changed, but the pattern of living in this world remains the same. Last Sunday morning we noted the cycle of the Judges and today we studied about the first king of Israel. Clearly, we still have much to learn! Tonight, I would like for us to consider how we get desensitized to sin and how our environment shapes us. Paul will help us see the light in Ephesians. Let's study together....

### Discussion:

#### STEPS INTO THE VORTEX

Step #1 = Losing Your Sensitivity

**Ephesians 4:19, I Timothy 4:2**

Step #2 = Hardening Your Heart

**Ephesians 4:18, Mark 6:52, Hebrews 3:12**

Step #3 = Revealing Your Ignorance

**Ephesians 4:18, I Corinthians 15:33**

Step #4 = Darkening Your Understanding

**Ephesians 4:18, Matthew 6:22-23, II Peter 3:16**

Step #5 = Embracing Your Futile Thinking

**Ephesians 4:17, Romans 1:21**

Step #6 = Separating From Your God

**Ephesians 4:17-19, Ephesians 2:1-12**

#### STEPS OUT OF THE VORTEX

Step #1 = Allow Christ To Change You

**Ephesians 4:20-21, I John 4:4**

Step #2 = Allow His Word To Teach You

**Ephesians 4:20-21, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 1**

Step #3 = Allow Yourself To Make Better Choices

**Ephesians 4:20-22, I Timothy 4:2**

Step #4 = Allow Yourself To See The Deception

**Ephesians 4:20-22, James 1:13-15**

Step #5 = Allow Your Life To Be Pure

**Ephesians 4:20-24, Philippians 4:8, Romans 12:1**

Step #6 = Allow Your Soul To Be Joined To God

**Revelation 2:4, Revelation 3:1, I Peter 1:22**

Conclusion: We have two choices: Avoid this Vortex or be encircled by the Vortex. If we are in it.... we need to begin a path out of the Vortex. There is power available to assist you (**I John 4:4**). Surrender to the will of God! Re-connect with God's plan for your life! Will you follow Jesus? Are you ready to let God direct you?