



**CROSSWINDS**  
THE TRIAL OF LUST

**OCTOBER 5**  
1 PETER 2:11-12

## MAIN IDEA

God calls Christians to grow in their faith by fighting against sin and for good.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

On Sunday we learned that “almost everyone wants to be a better person.” What are some of the popular methods of self-improvement in our culture? Which of these have you tried?

Can any of these methods guarantee that they will result in making us better people? Why or why not?

> READ ROMANS 6:9-14.

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What does it mean to be “dead to sin” (v. 11)? Knowing that, what do you think it means to be “alive to God in Christ”?

What is Paul’s basis (and ours) for believing we will live with Christ (vv. 9-10)? How has Jesus “put death to death” (see also vv. 20-21)?

What aspects of a Christ follower’s identity does Paul mention in this passage? How do you see them as part of your identity?

What two things are believers to refuse to do (vv. 12-13)? How do you interpret

both of these instructions?

Read Romans 8:12-13. Why do we need to take such a severe attitude toward our sin? What do you think that looks like?

Do you think of yourself as an “instrument for righteousness”? What might change in your life if you began seeing yourself this way?

> READ ROMANS 6:19-23.

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How does a person move from being a slave to sin to being a slave to righteousness?

What is Paul referring to when he talks about spiritual fruit? Read Galatians 5:22-24 and 2 Peter 1:5-8 for some examples. Which of these fruits do you most want to fight for?

Read John 15:1-4. What one action must believers do to produce fruit? How does this help you better understand the slavery analogy of Romans 6?

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Why do I often fear surrendering my life completely to God, allowing Him to be my Master? What do I need to do to fight that fear?

Does my daily life reflect Christ living in me? Where is there room for improvement?

What is one step I can take toward living as an “instrument of righteousness” this week?