



In Spite Of My Issues

LIFE Night ~ October 2, 2002

Mark 5:25-28 And a certain woman, which had an issue ...

An **ISSUE** is a condition, an attitude, or a _____ that robs us of the abundant life that Jesus has secured for us.



How do issues affect my life?

1. Issues are _____.

Luke 12:2 (Msg) You can't keep your true self hidden forever; before long you'll be exposed. You can't hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known.

2. Issues cause _____.

Isaiah 59:2 (CEV) Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face.

3. Issues always flow from a _____.

Romans 7:21-24 (Msg) It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I've

tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?

4. Issues result in character traits that _____ us.

Romans 14:23 (Msg) But if you're not sure, if you notice that you are acting in ways inconsistent with what you believe—some days trying to impose your opinions on others, other days just trying to please them—then you know that you're out of line. If the way you live isn't consistent with what you believe, then it's wrong.

5. Issues trigger strong _____.

Proverbs 29:25 (Msg) The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that.

6. Issues result in _____.

1 John 4:18 (Msg) There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.

7. Issues often become _____.

Ephesians 4:22 (Msg) Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

8. Issues are part of the enemy's _____.

2 Corinthians 2:11 (KJV) Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

John 8:36 (Msg) So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

How can I find healing for my issues?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____