Day 65

> *For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Jude 1:4 (ESV)*

How, one might ask, can ungodly, sensual, perverted people who deny Jesus creep into a church UNNOTICED??? One would have to imagine that everyone in the church was HYPNOTIZED! How does hypnosis work, anyway? To be hypnotized the subject does two things – (1) relax and (2) focus on something that captures the attention of the eyes (and/or ears) but does not stimulate the mind. The Bible tells us to be watchful and to renew our minds, but in a society in which life's highest good seems to be the "dream vacation," which is likely to be the preferred choice: 'watch diligently' or 'party on'? Satan's message to the church is that God wants us to focus on having a really, really nice life NOW, and after a while we'll whoosh off to heaven and the party will get even better! Jesus did His best to be crystal clear on this subject: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:34-36) Identify areas in which you may be 'trying to save your life' on this earth, and ask God to help you know the reality of the eternal life He wants you to have.