

# WORD BASICS

## TRIALS, TEMPTATIONS & TRIBULATIONS

### 1. TRIALS & TESTS ARE TO BE EXPECTED:

Psa.34:19	<u>Many</u> are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all
Acts 14:22	We must through much tribulation enter the Kingdom
1Cor.10:13a	No temptation taken you but such as is common to man
1Thes.3:3	No man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto
Heb.12:7	What son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
1Pet.4:12	Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try (test) you
1Pet.4:17	Judgment must begin at the house of God...at <u>us</u>
1Pet.5:9	Knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren (See also Psa.26:2; 139:23,24.)

### 2. TRIALS OFTEN RESULT WHEN THINGS DON'T GO OUR WAY:

Jam.4:2	Ye lust, & have not...desire to have, & cannot obtain
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#### A. OFTEN GOD WILL GRANT YOUR HEART'S DESIRE:

Psa.37:4	Delight thyself in the Lord; & He shall give thee the desires of thine heart
Psa.84:11	No good thing will He withhold from them (the upright) Psa.145:19a He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him
Pro.10:24b	The desire of the righteous shall be granted (See also Psa.21:2; 145:16.)

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#### B. BUT SOMETIMES HE WITHHOLDS IT BECAUSE IT'S NOT HIS TIME:

Eccl.3:1-8	There is...a <u>time</u> to every purpose under the heaven (See also Psa.37:34; Eccl.8:5,6.)
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#### C. OR BECAUSE IT WOULD CHOKE OUT YOUR FRUITFULNESS:

Mk.4:7,19	The lusts of other things entering in, <u>choke</u> the Word, & it becometh unfruitful (See Mat.13:22; Lk.8:14.)
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#### D. OR SERIOUSLY STUMBLE OR OFFEND OTHERS:

1Thes.5:22	Abstain [even] from all appearance of evil
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Rom.14:14-16, Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died (See also 1Cor.8:8-13)

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E. OR BRING REPROACH ON THE LORD'S WORK OR MINISTRY:

2Sam.12:14 By this deed [murdering Uriah] thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme

2Cor.6:3 Giving no offence...that the ministry be not blamed  
(See also 2Pet.2:2)

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F. OR BECAUSE OF UNREPENTED SIN IN YOUR HEART:

Jer.5:25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, & your sins have withholden good things from you

(See also Psa.66:18; Isa.59:1,2.)

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G. OR BECAUSE YOU'RE ASKING WITH THE WRONG MOTIVES:

Jam.4:2,3 Ye ask & receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts

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H. IT'S NOT ALWAYS GOOD TO GET THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART:

Psa.73:3,7,16-22 I was envious at...prosperity...they have more than heart could wish...then understood I their end

1Tim.6:9,10 They that will (desire to) be rich fall into temptation...& many hurtful lusts...erred from the faith

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I. YOU MAY MISS SOMETHING BETTER GOD HAD PLANNED FOR YOU:

Psa.81:10-13,16 He would have fed them the finest of wheat...honey

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J. NONETHELESS, WE HAVE TRIALS WHEN WE CAN'T HAVE SOMETHING:

1Sam.1:6b-8, 10 The Lord had shut up her womb...therefore she wept... heart grieved...bitterness of soul

Pro.13:12a Hope deferred maketh the heart sick  
(See also 2Sam.13:1,2)

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K. WARNING AGAINST STUBBORNLY INSISTING ON GETTING YOUR WAY:

Psa.78:27-31 He gave them their own desire...their lust. But...the wrath of God came (See also Psa.81:12)

Psa.106:14,15 He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul (See also Num.11:4-34)  
(See 1Sam.8:4-22; 12:1,13,16-19 re: asking for a king)

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#### L. WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR THE LORD, HE WILL OFTEN RETURN:

Gen.22:1-12 [God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, then stops him & lets him keep Isaac]  
(See also Heb.11:17-19)

Heb.6:15 After he patiently endured, he obtained the promise  
(See also Eccl.11:1; Heb.10:36.)

### 3. WHY THE LORD ALLOWS YOU TO HAVE TRIALS & TESTS:

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#### A. TO DRAW YOU CLOSER TO HIM:

Psa.107:12,13 He brought down their heart with labour...then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble

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#### B. TO SEE WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART & IF YOU WILL REMAIN TRUE:

Exo.20:20 God is come to prove (test) you

Deut.8:2 The Lord...[tested you] to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep  
His commandments

Deut.13:3,4 God...proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord

Judg.2:21,22 [God kept adversaries in the land to] prove Israel, whether they keep the way of the  
Lord, or not

Jer.12:3a Thou knowest me...Thou hast...tried my heart

Jer.17:10 I the Lord search the heart...to give every man according to his ways, &...the fruit of his  
doings

Jn.6:5,6 This He said to prove (test) him, for He Himself knew

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#### C. TO DRAW YOU CLOSER TO HIS WORD:

Psa.94:12 Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, & teachest him out of Thy law

Psa.119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes

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#### D. TO PRUNE AWAY DEAD WOOD SO YOU CAN BE MORE FRUITFUL:

Jn.15:2b Every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth (prunes), that it may bring forth more fruit

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#### E. TO TEACH YOU OBEDIENCE:

Heb.5:8 Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered (See  
also Heb.2:10)

1Pet.4:1,2 He that...suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin

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#### F. TO MAKE YOU A BETTER & MORE USEFUL VESSEL:

Jer.18:4 The vessel that he (the potter) made of clay was marred ...so he made it again another  
vessel

1Cor.5:7 Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump  
2Tim.2:21 [If purged]...he shall be a vessel...meet for the Master's use, & prepared unto every good work

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#### G. TO PURIFY YOU AS PRECIOUS METAL IS REFINED:

Mal.3:3 He shall sit as a refiner & purifier of silver  
Zech.13:9a I will bring [them] through the fire, & refine them  
Psa.66:10 Thou, O God, hast...tried us, as silver is tried  
Job 23:10 When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold  
Pro.17:3 The fining pot is for silver, & the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts  
Isa.48:10 I have refined thee...in the furnace of affliction  
Dan.11:35 [They] shall fall, to try them...& to make them white  
1Pet.1:7 The trial of your faith (is) much more precious than gold ...though it be tried with fire  
(See also Isa.1:25)

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#### H. TO PREPARE YOU FOR FUTURE BLESSINGS & EXALTED MINISTRIES:

Deut.8:16 That He might humble thee...& prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end  
Psa.105:17-22 [Joseph imprisoned, abased & tested, then exalted]  
Pro.18:12b Before honour is humility

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#### I. TO TEACH YOU PATIENCE:

Rom.5:3b Tribulation worketh (teaches us) patience  
Jam.1:3,4 The trying of your faith worketh patience

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#### J. TO MAKE YOU WISER THROUGH SORROW:

Eccl.7:3,4 Sorrow is better than laughter: for by...sadness...the heart is made better

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#### K. TO TEACH YOU COMPASSION TOWARDS OTHERS:

Heb.4:15 Be touched with the feeling of [others'] infirmities  
2Cor.1:4 That we may be able to comfort them...in trouble

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### 4. TRIALS OVER SUFFERING PERSONAL LOSS:

#### A. WILLINGLY & JOYFULLY SUFFER LOSS OF POSITION OR POSSESSIONS:

Job 1:21 The Lord gave, & the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord  
Acts 20:23,24 Bonds & afflictions...none of these things move me, neither count I [even] my life dear  
Phi.3:8 I have suffered the loss of all things, & do count them but dung, that I may win Christ  
Heb.10:34 Ye...took joyfully the spoiling of your goods

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#### B. LAY ASIDE WEIGHTS TO RUN THE RACE:

Heb.12:1	Let us lay aside every weight...& let us run the race
1Cor.9:24	So run, that ye may obtain (the prize)
Phi.3:13,14	Forgetting those things which are behind...I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling

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#### C. THE FUTILITY OF TRYING TO HANG ONTO THINGS:

Pro.23:5	Wilt thou <u>set</u> thine eyes upon that which is <u>not</u> ? for riches certainly...fly away
Lk.12:15	A man's life consisteth not in...things he possesseth (See also Eccl.5:13-15; 1Tim.6:7.)

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#### D. PAUL'S TRIALS IN MISSING LOVED ONES:

(See Phi.1:7,8; 1Thes.2:17,18; 1Thes.3:10 ; 2Tim.1:3,4 .)

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#### E. THE LORD WANTS YOU TO LOVE HIM FIRST OF ALL:

Psa.73:25	Whom have I in Heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside <u>Thee</u>
Psa.142:4,5	Refuge failed me; no man cared... <u>Thou</u> art my refuge & my portion in the land of the living
Isa.54:1,5,6	Sing...for thy Maker is thine husband...the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken
Jn.16:32	Ye...shall leave Me alone: & yet I am <u>not</u> alone, because the <u>Father</u> is with Me

#### 5. SOME BIBLE EXAMPLES OF TRIALS & TESTS:

Gen.21:9-11	And the thing was very <u>grievous</u> in Abraham's sight [to send away Hagar & his son Ishmael]
Gen.26:34,35	[Esau disobeyed & married pagans] which were a grief of mind to Isaac & Rebekah (Also Gen.27:46; 28:8.)
Exo.4:10-13	[Moses felt incapable to speak to the Hebrew nation]
Num.11:10-12, 14	[Moses said:] I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me
Judg.6:14,15	[Gideon felt incapable to be the deliverer of Israel]
Ruth 1:12,13	[Naomi, unable to help her daughters-in-law, said:] It grieveth me much for your sakes
1Sam.30:1-6	[David's men grieved at the loss of wives & families]
1Ki.19:1-4,10	[Elijah, persecuted & feeling all alone, prayed to die]
Psa.6:6-8	[David's tears & grief because his enemies triumphed]
Psa.38:4-9	[David's trials about an unhealed affliction]
Psa.102:1-8	[David's deep trial because of his enemies' reproach] (See also Psa.69:16-20)
Jer.15:10	[Jeremiah's depths of despair over being rejected, despised & mocked--See also

	Jer.20:7-10,14,18]
Jon.3:4,5,10; 4:1-9	[When things didn't work as he'd hoped, Jonah was so angry & displeased, he wished to die]
Lk.10:40	[Martha, working alone, felt unfairly over-burdened]
Jn.21:17	Peter grieved [because Jesus seemed to be bringing his love & loyalty into question]
2Cor.1:8	[Paul's] trouble...we were pressed above strength, so we despaired even of life (See also 2Cor.4:8; 7:5.)
Isa.53:3-9	[Jesus' sorrows & trials]

## 6. WHY IT'S WORTH IT TO ENDURE TESTS & TEMPTATIONS:

### A. FOR THE SAKE OF LOST SOULS:

2Tim.2:10	I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain...salvation
Isa.53:10-12	[God "put Jesus to grief" to save our souls]

### B. BECAUSE YOU'LL BE SPIRITUALLY STRONGER AS A RESULT:

2Cor.4:16	We faint not; (for) though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day
2Cor.12:9,10	My (Jesus') strength is made perfect in weakness...that the power of Christ may rest upon me (Paul)

### C. BECAUSE GOD WILL REWARD YOU AFTER TESTING YOU:

Psa.66:12	Thou hast caused [us to go] through fire & water: but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place
Heb.12:11	No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward...[good] fruit
Jam.5:11	Endure. Ye have heard of...Job, & have seen the end... the Lord is of tender mercy (See Job 42:10-17) (See also Psa.118:5; Lam.3:32.)

### D. HEAVENLY REWARDS:

Rom.8:18	The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be...in us
2Cor.4:17	Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us (an)...eternal weight of glory
Jam.1:12	Blessed is the man that endureth temptation...he shall receive the crown of life
1Pet.4:13	Ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings...when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also

(See also 1Jn.2:17; Rev.21:7.)

## 7. BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS:

### A. GOD USES YOUR TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS FOR GOOD:

Rom.8:28 All things work together for good to...the called  
Jam.1:2-4 Count it joy when ye fall into diverse temptations  
1Pet.1:6 Rejoice, though now for a season ye are in heaviness

### B. CHASTENINGS PROVE GOD LOVES YOU & THAT YOU'RE HIS CHILD:

Deut.8:5 As a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord chasteneth  
Pro.3:11,12 My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord  
Heb.12:5-12 Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth...every son  
Rev.3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke & chasten  
(See also Job 5:17; Psa.11:5; 1Cor.11:32.)

### C. REMEMBER THAT SORROW WILL GIVE WAY TO JOY:

Psa.30:5 Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning  
Mat.5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted  
1Pet.5:10 God...after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you

## 8. HELPING OTHERS WHO ARE GOING THROUGH TRIALS:

### A. HOW TO HELP THEM:

Job 6:14 To him that is afflicted pity should be showed  
Job 19:21 Have pity upon me...the hand of God hath touched me  
Rom.15:1,2 We...ought to bear the infirmities of the weak  
1Cor.12:25,26 Whether one member suffer, all...suffer with it  
Gal.6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens  
Heb.13:3 Remember them...which suffer, as being yourselves also in the body

### B. ENCOURAGE & STRENGTHEN THEM:

Job 16:4,5 I would strengthen you with my mouth...asswage grief  
Isa.50:4 Speak a word in season to him that is weary  
Pro.12:25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad

### C. ADMONISH THEM WITH HEARTY COUNSEL:

Pro.27:9 Ointment & perfume rejoice the heart: so doth sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel

Col.3:16 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you...teaching & admonishing one another...singing

## 9. TEMPTATIONS: WHERE THEY COME FROM:

### A. FROM OUR OWN LUSTS:

Jam.1:13,14 Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, & enticed

1Jn.2:15,16 The lust of the flesh &...eyes...is of the world

### B. THEY ARE ALSO INSTIGATED BY THE DEVIL:

Gen.3:1-6,13 [Eve:] The serpent beguiled me, & I did eat

1Chr.21:1,7,8 Satan...provoked David to...(sin & do foolishly)

Mat.4:1-7 [Jesus was tempted of the devil, "the tempter"]

Lk.22:31 Simon, Satan hath desired to...sift you as wheat  
(See also 1Thes.3:5; 2Cor.11:3.)

## 10. AVOIDING TEMPTATION:

Mat.6:13a [Pray:] Lead us not into temptation

### A. AVOID THE PATHWAY TO TEMPTATION:

Pro.4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, & go not

Pro.4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, & pass away

Mat.7:13,14 Enter ye in at the strait (narrow) gate: for wide is the gate, & broad is the way...to destruction

2Tim.2:22a Flee also youthful lusts

### B. BEWARE OF THOSE WHO WOULD ENTICE YOU:

Psa.1:1,2 (Walk) not in the counsel of the ungodly

Pro.1:10 If sinners entice thee, consent thou not

Pro.16:29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, & leadeth him into the way that is not good

2Pet.3:17 Beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your steadfastness

(See also Pro.22:24,25; 2Pet.2:18,19.)

### C. KNOW YOUR WEAKNESSES, & BE ON GUARD AGAINST THEM:

Rom.13:14 Make not provision (forethought, plans) for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof



Gal.6:1b            Considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted

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D. WARNING RE: EVIL, BEGUILING INFLUENCES & "ENTERTAINMENT":

Deut.7:25,26        [Do not] bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it:  
utterly detest it

Psa.101:3            I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes

Psa.106:35,36       They were mingled among the heathen, & learned their works. Their idols...were a snare  
unto them

2Cor.11:3            Lest...as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be  
corrupted

2Pet.2:7,8           Lot...in seeing & hearing [filthy Sodomites], vexed (tormented) his righteous soul...with  
their unlawful deeds

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11. HOW TO RESIST & OVERCOME TEMPTATION:

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A. KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS:

Heb.11:27           He (Moses) endured, as seeing Him Who is invisible

Heb.12:2,3           Looking unto Jesus...consider Him...lest ye...faint  
(See also Pro.4:25; Col.3:2,3.)

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B. PRAY & ASK THE LORD TO HELP YOU:

Psa.17:5            Hold up my goings in Thy paths...that my footsteps slip not

Psa.56:13            Thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling?

Mat.6:13a            Lead us not into temptation...deliver us from evil

Mat.26:41            Watch & pray, that ye enter not into temptation (See also Lk.21:36)

Mat.18:19,20        [Have others pray with you in special times of temptation] (See also Jam.5:16)

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C. RESIST THE DEVIL:

Eph.4:27            Neither give place to the devil

Jam.4:7              Resist the devil, & he will flee from you

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D. CLING TO THE WORD:

Psa.119:80           Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes; that I be not ashamed

Jn.15:3              Now ye are clean through the Word

2Pet.1:4              Precious promises: that by these ye might...(escape) the corruption that is in the world  
through lust

Rev.3:10              Because thou hast kept the Word...I will keep thee

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#### E. BE WILLING TO GIVE UP YOUR OWN DESIRES OUT OF LOVE FOR JESUS:

Gal.5:16            Walk in the Spirit, & ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh  
Gal.5:24            They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections & lusts  
Eph.4:20-23        Put off...the old man...the deceitful lusts  
(See also Rom.6:16; Phi.3:8.)

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#### F. EXERCISE WILLPOWER & DETERMINE NOT TO YIELD TO TEMPTATION:

Rom.6:13            Neither yield ye your members...unto sin  
1Cor.9:27           I keep under my body, & bring it into subjection  
1Cor.16:13          Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you (behave) like men, be strong  
2Tim.2:3            Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ  
2Tim.2:22           Flee youthful lusts: but follow righteousness  
1Pet.1:14           As obedient children, not (conforming) to former lusts  
1Pet.2:11           Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul  
(See also 1Cor.10:5,6)

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#### G. FEAR THE LORD & BE AFRAID TO DISOBEY HIM:

Pro.14:27           The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death  
Pro.16:6b           By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil  
Pro.23:17           Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long  
1Sam.12:24        Fear the Lord, & serve Him in truth with all your heart

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#### H. BE SERIOUS & SOBER ABOUT SERVING THE LORD:

Tit.2:12            Denying...worldly lusts, we should live soberly...in this present world  
1Thes.5:8           Let us...be sober, putting on the [armour of God]  
1Pet.1:13           Gird up...your mind, be sober, & hope to the end  
1Pet.4:7            The end...is at hand: be ye therefore sober  
1Pet.5:8            Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil ...walketh about, seeking whom he may devour

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#### I. KEEP YOUR HEART & MIND ON THE FINAL GOAL:

Heb.11:25,26      Choosing rather to suffer affliction...than to enjoy pleasures of sin...for he had respect to the reward  
Heb.12:2            (Jesus) for the joy set before Him, endured the cross

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### 12. THE LORD WILL DELIVER YOU:

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#### A. GOD'S PROMISES TO HELP YOU:

2Pet.2:9	Lord knoweth how to deliver godly out of temptations
1Cor.10:13b	God...will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will...also make a way to escape
1Cor.15:57	Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ
Heb.2:18	He is able to succour (help) them that are tempted

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#### B. JESUS HAS COMPASSION ON US, KNOWING WHAT IT'S LIKE:

Heb.4:15 (Jesus) was in all points tempted like as we are

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#### C. HE IS WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO THROUGH TEMPTATION:

Isa 43:1	Fear not: I have called thee by name; thou art Mine
Isa.43:2	When thou passest through waters, I will be with thee
1Pet.4:19	Let them that suffer...commit the keeping of their souls to Him...as unto a faithful Creator (See also Deut.4:30,31)

### 13. HOW RIGHTEOUS MEN FELL THROUGH TEMPTATION:

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#### A. EXAMPLE OF LOT GOING ASTRAY & LOSING ALL:

Gen.13:5,6	Lot...had flocks & herds & tents...substance was great
Gen.13:8-11	[Lot is attracted to the well-watered Jordan valley]
Gen.13:12,13	Lot...pitched his tent <u>toward</u> [wicked] Sodom
Gen.14:11-16	[Lot, living <u>near</u> Sodom, taken captive with Sodomites]
Gen.19:1,2	[Lot "sat in the <u>gate</u> of Sodom" as a judge (19:9), & lived in a house <u>inside</u> Sodom]
Gen.19:24-30	[Lot lost everything he owned & ended up in a cave] (See also Ezk.3:20; Rev.3:11.)

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#### B. EXAMPLE OF BALAAM THE PROPHET:

(Compare Num.22:1-21; 24:2,10,11,15,19; 25:1-3; 31:16; Josh.13:22;  
2Pet.2:15; Jude 11; Rev.2:14.)

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#### C. THE FALL OF KING SOLOMON:

2Sam.12:24	Bathsheba...bare Solomon...& the Lord <u>loved</u> him
Neh.13:26	Solomon...was <u>beloved</u> of his God...nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin
1Ki.11:1-8	King Solomon loved many strange women...his wives turned away his heart after other gods
1Ki.11:9-11	The Lord was angry with Solomon (& said), I will rend the kingdom from thee, & give it

to thy servant

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D. OTHER EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE FALLING THROUGH TEMPTATION:

- Gen.3:1-6 (Eve) saw the tree was good for food...pleasant to the eyes, & to be desired to make one wise...did eat
- Gen.25:29-34 [Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for some pottage]
- Josh.7:1,20,21 (Achan coveted) a goodly Babylonish garment...silver & a wedge of gold
- 1Ki.13:1-28 [Young prophet tempted to disobey by the old prophet]
- 2Ki.5:20-27 [Gehazi coveted Naaman's goods; was struck leprosy]

14. WHEN TEMPTED BY WORLDLY BEAUTY:

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A. BEWARE OF LUSTING AFTER SHALLOW, DECEITFUL BEAUTY:

- Pro.6:25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her (eyelashes)
- Pro.31:30 Favour is deceitful, & beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised
- 1Jn.2:15,16 The lust of the flesh, & the lust of the eyes, is not of the Father but is of the world (See also Isa.3:16,18-24; 1Pet.3:3,4.)

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B. BEWARE OF BEING BEGUILED BY THE WORLDLY:

- Job 31:1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; when then should I think upon a [worldly] maid?
- Pro.7:6-21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield
- 2Pet.2:18 They speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh...wantonness

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C. THE BITTER END RESULT OF BEING BEGUILED:

- Pro.5:3-13 The lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb... but her end is bitter...thou mourn at the last
- Pro.7:21,22 He goeth after her...as an ox goeth to the slaughter
- Pro.7:23 As a bird hasteth to the snare, & knoweth not that it is for his life (See also Pro.6:26)
- Pro.14:12 A way which seemeth right, but the end thereof...death (See also Judg.16:4-6,16,21; Pro.7:25-27; 9:13-18; 23:27,28; 2Sam.13:1-3,28,29.)

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D. RESIST IT WITH THE POWER OF THE WORD:

- Pro.2:1-13 My commandments...preserveth the way of His saints... to deliver thee from the way of the evil man
- Pro.2:16,17 To deliver thee from the strange woman (See also vs. 1-11)
- Pro.6:23,24 The commandment is a lamp; & the law is light...to keep thee from the flattery of...a

strange woman

Lk.4:5-12 [Jesus resisted devil's temptations by quoting the Word]  
(See also Pro.7:1-5)

#### 15. EXAMPLES OF RESISTING TEMPTATION:

Gen.14:21-23 [Abraham refused rewards from the king of Sodom]  
2Ki.5:15,16 [Naaman urged Elisha to take gifts; Elisha refused]  
Job 2:9,10 [Job refused to sin with his lips & curse God]  
Jer.35:5,6 [The Rechabites obediently refused to drink wine]  
Dan.1:8 [Daniel refused to defile himself eating unclean food]  
Acts 8:18-20 [Peter refused Simon the sorcerer's money]

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