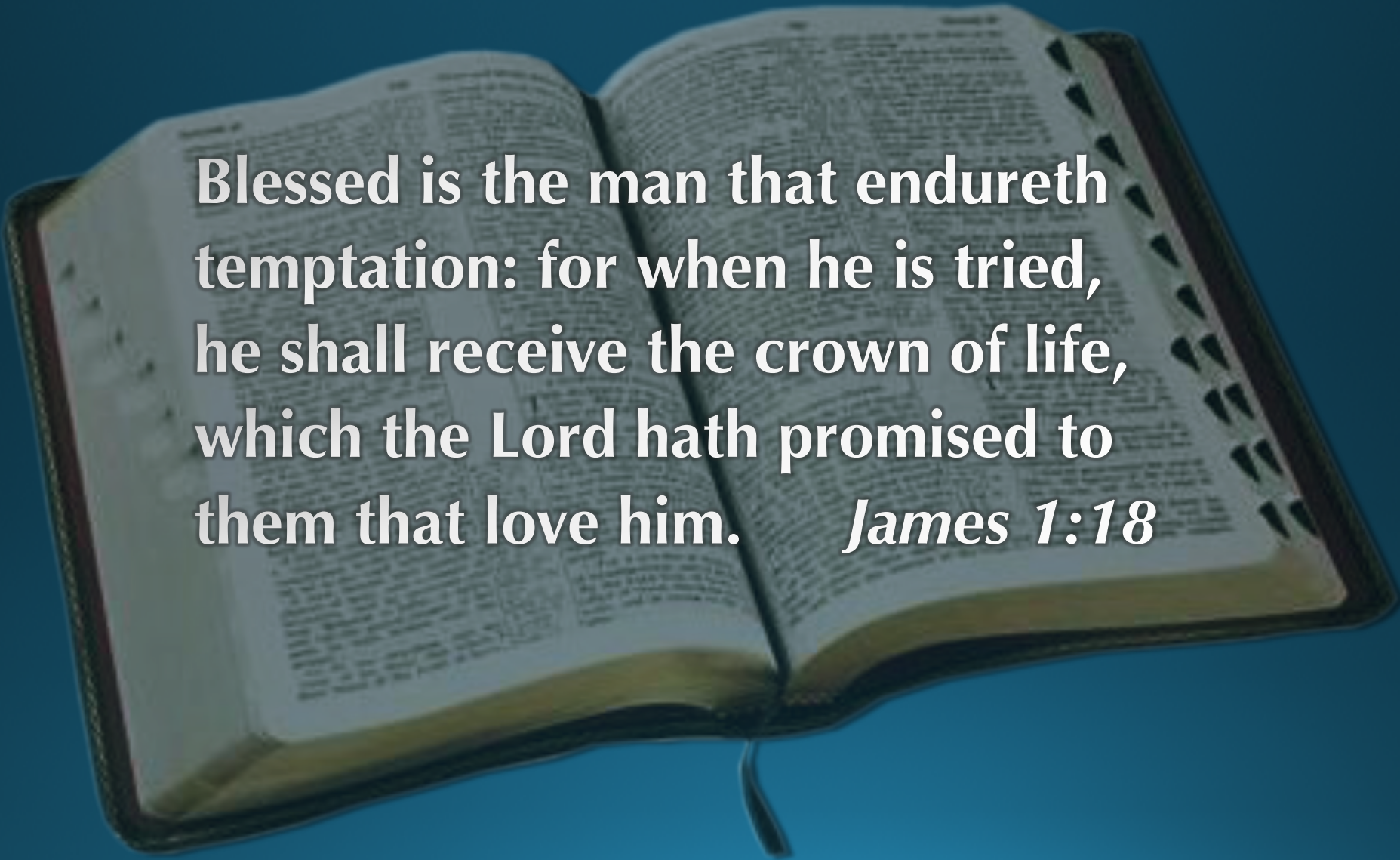




# Enduring Temptation







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# Our Enemies



**The World**



**The Flesh**



**The Devil**



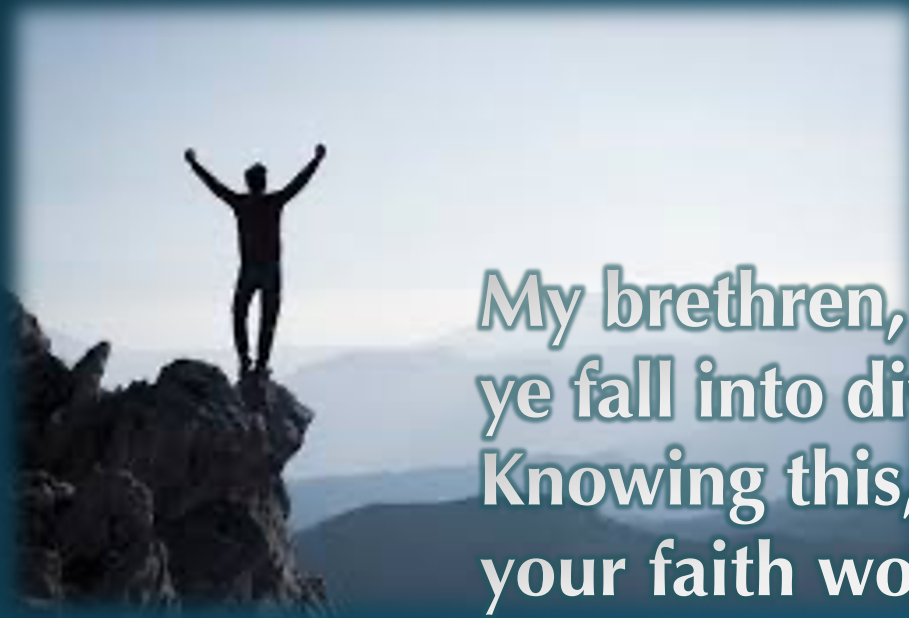
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**My brethren, count it all joy when  
ye fall into divers temptations;  
Knowing this, that the trying of  
your faith worketh patience.  
But let patience have her perfect  
work, that ye may be perfect and  
entire, wanting nothing.**

*James 1:2-4*

# James' Admonitions



When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence.

*James 1:2-4 (Philips)*

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*James 1:12-16*



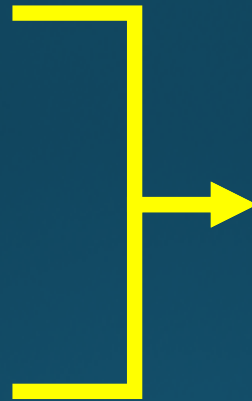


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*Agape*

*Phileo*

Love

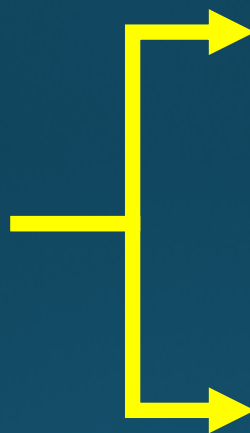


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*Gennao*

**Begotten**

**Born**



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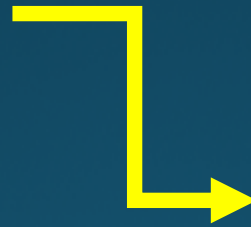
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Try, test, prove

Tempt

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**Tempt**



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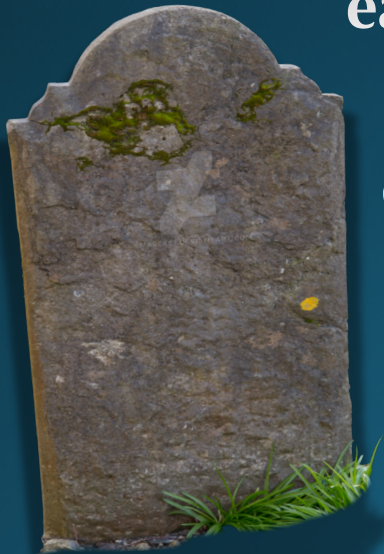
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**Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:  
for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

***2 Corinthians 2:11***



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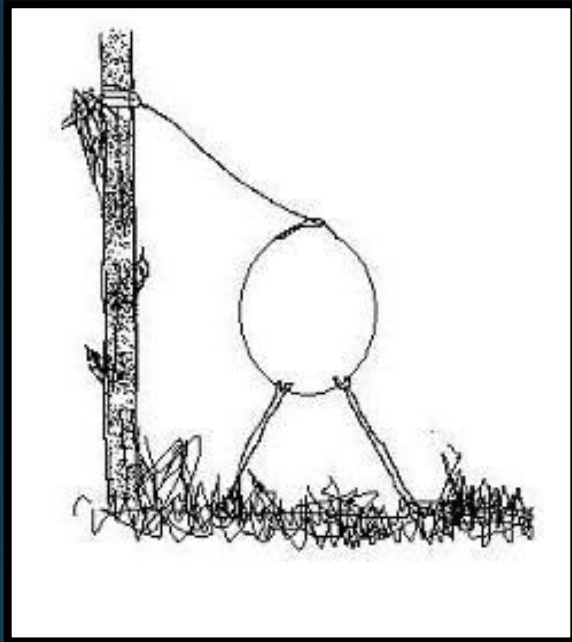
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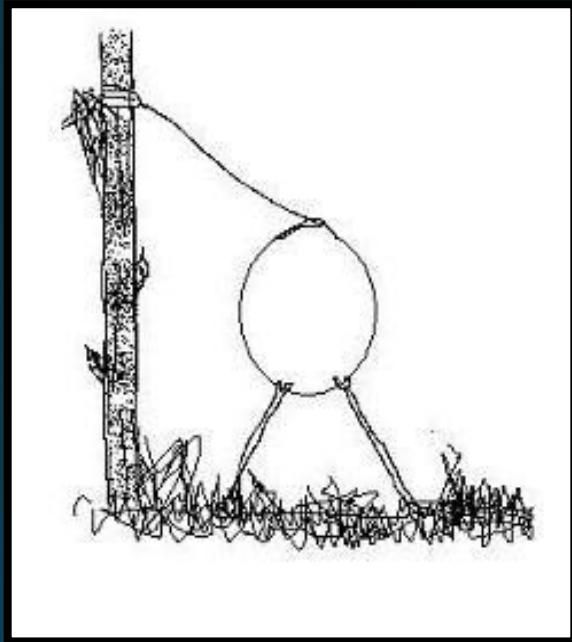
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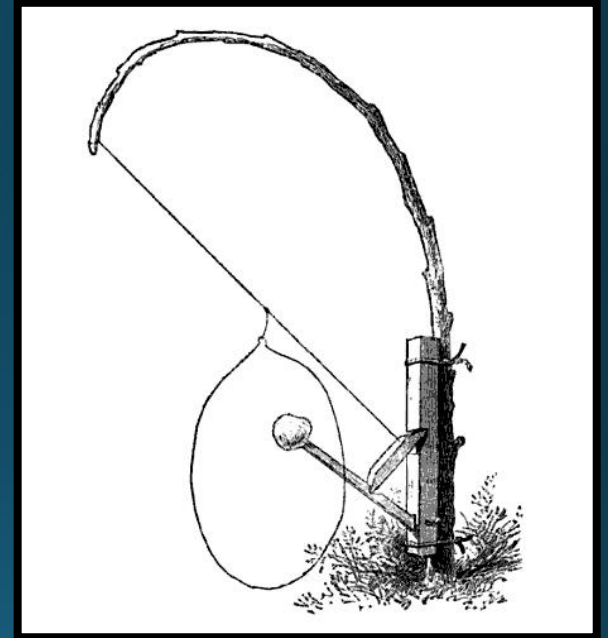
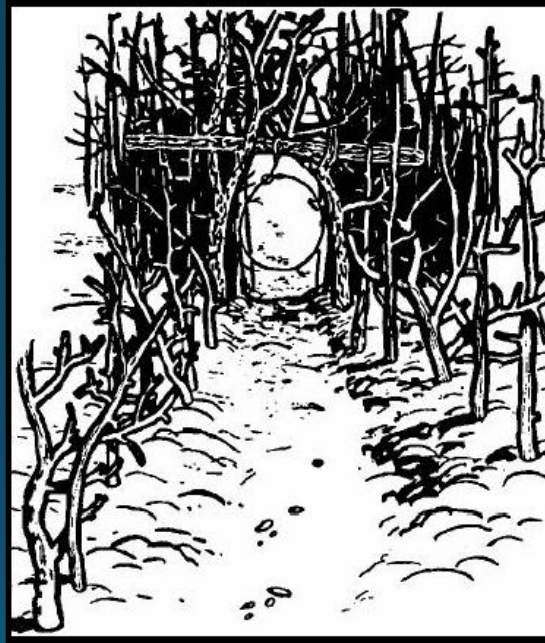
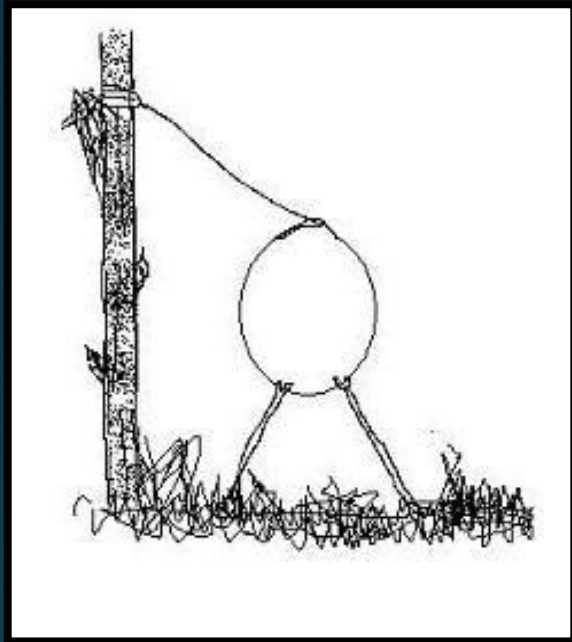
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A just man falleth seven times and riseth up again - *Proverbs 24:16*

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. . . some, we believe, have gone to an extreme in denouncing present institutions in a manner that the Lord and the apostles neither commanded nor sanctioned, nor illustrated in their words and conduct. Simply making people discontented with their present conditions and surroundings is most unwise. On the contrary, the influence, the spirit, the disposition, of the New Creation should always be toward peace; and if we cannot commend present institutions highly, neither need we specially condemn them. . . .

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## Relax!

On the plains of hesitation  
lie the sun-bleached bones  
of untold millions, who,  
while on the verge of victory  
stopped to rest, and  
resting, died.

*Adlai Stevenson*





# *Satan's Devices*

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## Time Wasters







# Time Wasters or Time savers?





# Satan's Devices

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## Time Wasters

See then that ye  
walk circumspectly,  
not as fools,  
but as wise,  
Redeeming the  
time because the  
days are evil.

*Ephesians 5:15,16*



## Defeat Satan's Devices with Discipline

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:13, 14*





## Defeat Satan's Devices with Discipline



Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

*1 John 2:15-17*

A man with dark hair, seen from the back and side, is looking into a glass partition. His reflection is visible in the glass. The scene is dimly lit, with a blue tint. The text is overlaid on the image.

# The Guy in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle,  
and the world makes you King for a day,

Then go to the mirror and look at yourself, and  
see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,  
whose judgment upon you must pass,

A man in a white shirt is seen from the back, looking into a glass partition. His reflection is visible in the glass, looking back at him. The scene is set in an office or modern building environment.

# The Guy in the Glass

The person whose verdict counts most in your life,  
is the guy staring back from the glass.

You can fool the whole world down the path of the  
years, and get pats on the back as you pass,

But your final reward will be heartache and tears,  
if you've cheated the guy in the glass.

*Dale Wimbrow*









Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:35-39*

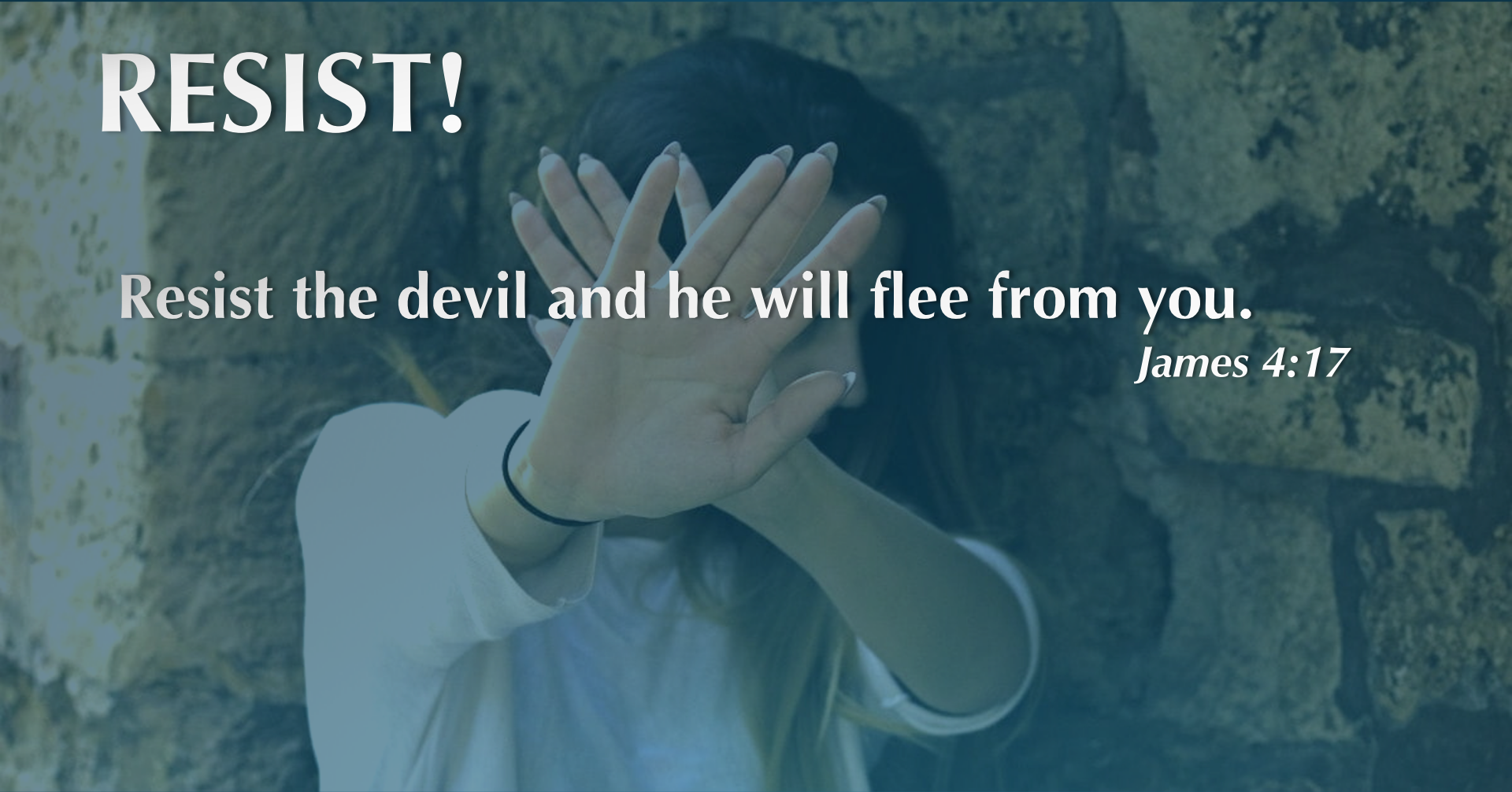




# RESIST!

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

*James 4:17*



# *Recovery After Succumbing*

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Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray.

Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.

Is any sick among you?

Let him call for the elders  
of the church; and let them  
pray over him, anointing him  
with oil in the name of the Lord:



And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

*James 5:13-16*

# *Recovery After Succumbing*

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It is only the rebukes and reproofs of the Lord for sin and unfaithfulness that we are examining in this third class of afflictions. We remark, too, that probably every son, except the one perfect one, our Lord Jesus, has at times needed and received rebukes for unfaithfulness. And it is well that we should learn to recognize these rebukes and to wisely apply their lessons. . . James says: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him . . .

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The prayer, as we understand it, should be for the forgiveness of the sins of which the sickness is a punishment or rebuke, rather than for release from the deserved punishment. But if the sickness was a judgment or discipline for sin, we should expect that when the sin had been confessed and truly repented of, the Lord would remove the chastisement and raise up the penitent son from the affliction, either partially or wholly.

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Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

*James 5:19,20*



# Manna – December 9

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IF we could but keep in memory the fact that every trial, every persecution, every difficulty of life, permitted to come upon those who have made the covenant of sacrifice with the Lord, is intended to prove them, to test their love, to see whether or not their characters are fixed, rooted and grounded in righteousness, and being built up in love, it would put all these trials, difficulties and temptations in a new light before us, and greatly assist us in fighting a good fight and overcoming. We would say, if by these little trials the Lord is proving my love and devotion to Him, then, however trifling they may be or however important, I will diligently use them as favorable opportunities to demonstrate to my Lord the fullness of my love and devotion to Him and His cause.



**“Trials are worth millions  
...don’t waste any of them!”**

***Sr. Cora Sundbom***



