**Dealing With Lusts Better**

**James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;**

**:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.**

**:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

(Temptations are what we MUST go through in this life, and its something joyful because they help us grow and also prove the truth of the LORD’S word plainly.  Be patient, longsuffering and through the spirit of the Heavenly Father overcome the way we were made: to have pleasure in evil, weakly give in to it, the world, and our lusts.)

**IIEsdras 7:57 Then answered he me, and said, This is the condition of the battle, which man that is born upon the earth shall fight;**

**:58 That, if he be overcome, he shall suffer as thou hast said: but if he get the victory, he shall receive the thing that I say.**

**:59 For this is the life whereof Moses spake unto the people while he lived, saying, Choose thee life, that thou mayest live.**

**:60 Nevertheless they believed not him, nor yet the prophets after him, no nor me which have spoken unto them,**

**:61 That there should not be such heaviness in their destruction, as shall be joy over them that are persuaded to salvation.** (Be strong in the LORD, patient and understand that our battle begins in our minds, we must fight and overcome wicked thoughts which is the key to successfully battling temptations.)

**Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

**:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.** (Although we are created in sinful flesh, the LORD requires TRUTH and holiness from us, and provides the wisdom of how to please and obey Him, and how to overcome our flesh and innate lusts.)

**James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

**:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:**

**:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.**

**:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.** (Lusts come from us, temptations are the result of our individual weaknesses and evil desires.  Do NOT allow these thoughts to remain, or think they are "normal" & the way you are, or they will conceive, & be born in our actions to our own hurt)

**IITimothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.** (As our Master’s soldiers, we MUST have a mind to battle and NOT give in to our sinful desires.  To endure in truth and righteousness.)

**Ecclesiasticus 4:28 Strive for the truth unto death, and the Lord shall fight for thee.** (Fight the good fight of faith, obey the LORD God. Never debate against LORD’S truth, nor deny the truth of yourself.)

**Wisdom of Solomon 1:5 For the holy spirit of discipline will flee deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding, and will not abide when unrighteousness cometh in. (**The holy spirit will flee thoughts without discipline: sinful thoughts, lusts; the holy spirit will leave us when sin comes in. Remember or learn when David saw Bathsheba (another man’s woman) naked, all the sins that followed. Even to a righteous man like him. So, if we go to a strip club, look at porn, OR drink too much, do drugs, and such like, we will fall, especially if we are NOT as righteous or humble to the Father and Christ as King David, who was supremely blessed by the Father to receive His holy spirit, ISamuel 16:13.)

**Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?** (Pray for the holy spirit, every day, always!)

**James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

**:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.** (Submit, obey and humble yourselves to the LORD God, not to Satan, evil thoughts and desires.)

**IPeter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

**:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.** (Resist wicked lusts which constantly battle us starting in our minds, be TRULY separate from the world and an example. **Proverbs 24:5**)

**Jeremiah 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.**

**:24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.** (Without the LORD truly and His wisdom in our minds, our life will be a puzzle that goes unsolved from sorrow to affliction.)

**Psalms 19:12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.**

**:13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.**

**:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.** (We cannot understand or cease from our errors without the LORD and His laws. It doesn’t matter if your sins are hidden from others. Pray to the LORD to keep you back from sins you may or may not know are wrong, and sins that CONTROL you; also pray to think of acceptable things and for a sound mind)

Presumptuous: disrespectfully bold, arrogant, overstepping bounds or limits.

**Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:**

**:24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman**. (The LORD’S commandments TEACH us to know good from evil, in ALL things, especially women and people.  Also to discern if a woman we like or want is actually our lusts and how to keep sins away by knowing and learning the LORD'S laws.)

**Psalms 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.** (PRAY and STUDY to be singleminded!)

**Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.** (Serving the LORD, and doing as He instructs and commands is wisdom. ONLY fools despise the truth of the bible and the LORD’S instructions.)

**Proverbs 24:9 The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.** (To think evil thoughts against righteousness is sin: and a scorner (To think evil thoughts against righteousness is sin: and a scorner (scorner: a person who expresses contempt by remarks or facial expression) is a person people will despise.  Scorners against the LORD usually use the lies of religion or their own opinions to the proudly oppose the truth.)

**Ecclesiasticus 32:17 A sinful man will not be reproved, but findeth an excuse according to his will.** (A wicked man will not be corrected by the LORD nor truth, but gives excuses or justifies his sin and does not change)

**Ecclesiasticus 37:27 My son, prove thy soul in thy life, and see what is evil for it, and give not that unto it.** (Examine yourself sincerely, see your weaknesses and what sins overpower you, and avoid them and the entrances for lusts.)

**Ecclesiasticus 21:1 My son, hast thou sinned? do so no more, but ask pardon for thy former sins.**

**:2 Flee from sin as from the face of a serpent: for if thou comest too near it, it will bite thee: the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a lion, slaying the souls of men.** (Don’t abuse grace but fear the Heavenly Father, ask pardon for past sins, and think of your lusts as a poisonous snake to ALWAYS avoid.)

**IIEsdras 14:13 Now therefore set thine house in order, and reprove thy people, comfort such of them as be in trouble, and now renounce corruption,**

**:14 Let go from thee mortal thoughts, cast away the burdens of man, put off now the weak nature,** (Put off the old man, way we are created, and put on the new man.  When you ARE CONVERTED, THEN teach and REPROVE others.)

**Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.** (To follow the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we must deny our lusts and sinful nature and endure our daily trials)

**Mark 9:28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?**

**:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.** (Strong spirits, including those which kindle lusts and evil, will only be OVERCOME by prayer and fasting)

**Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.** (Praying to The Almighty God through Our Messiah Jesus Christ for mercy, and to please NOT allow these wicked spirits to overtake us, as He sent to overtake Saul (**ISamuel 19:9**).)

**Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.** (Be occupied in learning, changing/repenting, obeying the LORD and THEN feeding His sheep.  He will protect you, provide for you, and you will also have less idle time to lust and sin.)

**Ecclesiasticus 17:24 But unto them that repent, he granted them return, and comforted those that failed in patience.**

**:25 Return unto the Lord, and forsake thy sins, make thy prayer before his face, and offend less.**

**:26 Turn again to the most High, and turn away from iniquity: for he will lead thee out of darkness into the light of health, and hate thou abomination vehemently.** (Pray to the LORD, forsake and hate evil, repent)

**IIEsdras 16:75 Be ye not afraid neither doubt; for God is your guide,**

**:76 And the guide of them who keep my commandments and precepts, saith the Lord God: let not your sins weigh you down, and let not your iniquities lift up themselves.** (Have faith in The Almighty God and His words, and don’t let your mind/Satan deceive you into feeling hopeless, or having too much pride: feeling like you can never overcome a sin or weakness, or to give in and not try to stop sinning.)

**IPeter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:** (Satan knows our weaknesses as man and individually. He also has permission and was CREATED to tempt us:  Isaiah 45:7, Job 1:6-21, Job 2:1-13, IKings 22:19-23, etc.)

**John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.** (The Messiah Jesus Christ’s words which represent the entire bible, they are spirit, life, and are what is necessary for us to overcome our sinful flesh. We MUST properly follow the Lord to survive this battle against our lusts within, and this world)

To endure these struggles we MUST overcome, choose life: patience, faith, prayer, obedience and fasting.

**Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.** (Any temptation or trial is NOT easy. Therefore we must build ourselves in Christ/the bible and the spirit of the Heavenly Father through humble obedience, prayer, and fasting. He fed our forefathers bread from heaven in the desert where there was NO food, and will continue to feed and provide us with the strength and wisdom we need to overcome any temptation or sin. **Ecclesiasticus 33:1**)

All glory and praises to the LORD through our Lord Christ.

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