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John 8:31-36 (NKJV) ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who **believed** Him, “If you **abide** in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² “And you shall know the truth, and the **truth shall make you free.**” ³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.** ³⁵ “And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

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



Ephesians 4:26-28 (NKJV) ²⁶ “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor **give place to the devil**. ²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer...”

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (MSG) ¹⁰ So if you forgive him, I forgive him. The fact is that I’m joining in with your forgiveness, as Christ is with us, guiding us. ¹¹ After all, we don’t want to unwittingly **give Satan an opening** for yet more mischief—we’re not oblivious to his sly ways!



Three Doors

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV) ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



#1 “Lust of the flesh” – Our **Passions**

Proverbs 14:12-13 (MSG) ¹² There’s a way of life that looks harmless enough; look again—it leads straight to **hell**. ¹³ Sure, those people appear to be having a **good time**, but all that laughter **will end in heartbreak**.



#2 “Lust of the eyes” – Our **Possessions**

Proverbs 27:20 (NIV) Death and Destruction are **never satisfied**, and neither are **the eyes of man**.



#3 “Pride of life” – Our **Position**

Proverbs 16:5 (NIV) The LORD **detests all the proud** of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.

James 4:6-8 (NKJV) ⁶ God **resists the proud** but gives grace to the humble. ⁷ Therefore **submit to God. Resist the devil** and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



Genesis 3:6 (NKJV) So when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree **desirable to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave it to her husband with her, and he ate.

Matthew 4:3-9 – the devil tempts Jesus

“Tell these stones to become bread” – **Passions**

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down...” – **Position**

“All this I will give you, if you will worship me” – **Possessions**



#1 Integrity

Proverbs 5:7-10 (NIV) ⁷ Now then, my **sons, listen to me**; do not turn aside from what I say. ⁸ Keep to a path far from her, **do not go near the door** of her house, ⁹ lest you **lose your honor** to others and **your dignity** to one who is cruel, ¹⁰ lest strangers feast on **your wealth** and your toil enrich the house of another.



Romans 6:12-14 (MSG) ¹² That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. ¹³ Don't even run **little** errands that are connected with that **old way** of life. Throw yourselves **wholeheartedly and full-time**—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into **God's way** of doing things. ¹⁴ Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the **freedom of God**.

Principle: Say **yes to God** and **no to the devil**.



#2 Generosity

Genesis 4:2-5 (NIV) ² Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ **In the course of time** Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ But Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of **the firstborn** of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.”



Genesis 4:5-7 (NIV) ⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door**; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”



Malachi 3:10-11 (NKJV) ¹⁰ “Bring **all the tithes** into the **storehouse**, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If **I will** open for you the windows of heaven and **pour out** for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ And **I will rebuke the devourer** for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” says the LORD of hosts.

Principle: Give God the **first of everything**.



#3 Humility

Revelation 3:7-8 (NKJV) ⁷ “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: ⁸ I know your works. See, I have set before you an **open door**, and no one can shut it; **for** you have a **little strength**, have **kept My word**, and have not denied **My name**.”



John 3:30 (NLT) Jesus must become **greater and greater**, and I must become **less and less.**”

Principle: Develop a lifestyle of **prayer** and **fasting**.



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