<u>Difficulties</u>

Scripture: Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

~ Psalm 34:11

Have you ever questioned whether or not you could do something that was a hard task? Ever wondered if you could live up to someone else's expectations? Maybe you are trying to be as successful as a fellow co-worker or trying hard to prove why you are the one deserving of the promotion. Due to the nature of sin being present in the world, we will always face a difficulty somewhere along life's way.

As you watch folks move up the corporate ladder or see fellow family members become more successful, do you wonder if you will be able to do all those things or accomplish such feats? Responsibilities get more challenging the older and wiser you get. More is often expected of you. However, responsibilities can be a blessing and a cursing. They can lead to promotions, but also more headaches and feelings of being overwhelmed. In **I Chr. 28,** David taught Solomon to become responsible and gave him all the instructions and plans he would need for building the Temple.

No one is perfect, however we all are to try and live a life pleasing to Jesus. And so, even when we make mistakes, we must take responsibility of owning up to it, even if the consequences are difficult to swallow. Just as David helped Solomon, God will send people along your way to help you. They can help you plan, make decisions, save, and teach you to live a life that is right and leads to happiness. Remember what the 10-finger states- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (**Phil. 4:13**).

Prayer: Lord, please help me to follow directions and be willing to trust you in difficult circumstances. I know I can accomplish a lot more with you than I could without you. In Jesus name, Amen!

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