

How Can We
Resist Temptations
SUCH AS
DRUGS & ALCOHOL
Part 2



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.***

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*** (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! ***But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*** (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Last week we began to look into God's written Word in our King James Bible to God's answer to a very important question that one of our students asked.


How can we avoid temptations
such as drugs & alcohol?

So many young people & even many older people today are faced with these temptations. But even in ages past, people faced these same temptations. As we said last week, God ALREADY KNEW every problem & temptation man would face so He prepared ALL THE ANSWERS for ALL PEOPLE for ALL TIMES right there in ONE BOOK that we can READ!

God says that if we learn & do what He says, we'll be STRONG and READY to

RESIST ALL TEMPTATIONS!

If you notice, I changed one word for our study. I used the word RESIST instead of AVOID! Why? Because, when we AVOID something we STAY AWAY from things or people or places that would tempt us to do evil things. And guess what, that is EXACTLY what God says is the VERY BEST THING we can do when it comes to the illegal use of drugs & alcohol - avoid it! Here is what God says:

DO NOT ENTER  "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men, Avoid it, pass not by it, turn

from it, and pass away." Proverbs 4:14-15 KJB

That means that if you know for sure that a certain group of people uses drugs or alcohol illegally, then DON'T be part of that group!

That means that if you know for sure that a certain party is going to include the illegal use of drugs & alcohol, do what God says to do:

**DO NOT ENTER THAT PARTY!
AVOID IT, PASS NOT BY IT,
TURN FROM IT, AND PASS AWAY FROM IT!**

Sometimes when young people first enter a new school or even when adults start a new job or move into a new neighborhood, many of them want to be ACCEPTED! The sad thing is that instead of asking God to show them the friends that HE has chosen for them to have, many of these people right away join the "IN CROWD" - "THE PARTY CROWD" of that school or work-place or neighborhood. They think that joining that group will make them FEEL ACCEPTED & they won't be left out & things will be great. But look what God says about hanging around with people who have no clue about God & instead do whatever they think makes them FEEL GOOD at the moment- like drugs & drunkenness:

"The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble." Proverbs 4:19 KJB



God says that the ways of the wicked end up bringing them to very dark places - places of misery &

loneliness & lots of trouble! At first, the PARTY PLACES & BELONGING TO THE IN-CROWD seem like BRIGHT IDEAS - the places where all the FUN is! But, God says that taking that route in life ALWAYS ends up in DARKNESS & STUMBLING! And boy oh boy, if we look around at people who have made drugs & alcohol their LIFESTYLE & STAY IN IT, we sure can see what a MESS they end up in! (Always remember that if you are already in such a mess, God is the ONLY ONE who can & WILL help you OUT of it if you seek Him with all your heart & want Him to help you!) Read for yourself what God SPECIFICALLY SAYS about DRUG ABUSE & DRUNKENNESS & all the other things that people do to try to “fit in” or make themselves feel good for the moment:



“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Galatians 5:19-21 KJB

Now I know that you saw the word DRUNKENNESS in those scriptures. But I’ll bet that many of

you are saying: “I did NOT see the word DRUGS in there. And you are RIGHT you did NOT see the word DRUGS in there. But did you notice that the word WITCHCRAFT is there? (I purposely underlined it.) Well, that word WITCHCRAFT in the original Greek language of the Bible is the word:

PHARMAKEIA.

Does that word sound like any English word you have heard before? Why YES! Here are some of our English words that come from this Greek Word:



Pharmacy
Pharmacology
pharmacopoeia

All these words have something to do with DRUGS & MEDICINE!

So when God uses the word WITCHCRAFT, it includes the illegal use of drugs! In fact, Satanic religions & those who practiced witchcraft in the ancient times used drugs in their evil rituals. Here’s what God said about a man who used witchcraft:

“...also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.”
2Chronicles 33:6b KJB

God tells us that this man who used witchcraft did MUCH EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD!

So we see then that illegal use of drugs & alcohol is

EVIL in the sight of the Lord. It RUINS YOUR LIFE & CAUSES HURT TO THOSE WHO LOVE YOU! So AVOID PEOPLE & PLACES & THINGS that might TEMPT YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVIL!

But what about times when the temptation to do such things is UNAVOIDABLE? For instance, you are with some friends whom you think are good; but all of a sudden someone comes along to tempt you to join them in their drinking or drug use? Or suppose you are feeling discouraged & alone & someone tells you that drugs & drinking are the answer to your problems. Or perhaps some of your friends



MAKE FUN OF YOU

because you won't join them. What does God say you should do when you are tempted to sin or do evil in His sight? God says that NOW is the time to

RESIST THE TEMPTATION!

And just HOW does God say we can RESIST TEMPTATION? Let's read some of God's instructions on how to get STRONG ENOUGH TO RESIST TEMPTATION! See if you can figure out what the MOST IMPORTANT THING IS that YOU can do to be strong enough to RESIST temptation.

way? (do the right thing) by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

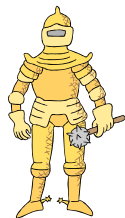
Blessed art thou, O LORD, teach me thy statutes."

Psalm 119:9-12 KJB

Did you figure it out? 1st, KNOW GOD'S WORD!
2nd, take HEED to it means to BELIEVE IT & OBEY IT! 3rd, seek God with ALL YOUR HEART! Make Jesus & reading & obeying His Word the MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN YOUR LIFE! Jesus is YOUR BEST FRIEND! He wants to tell you all the things that will make you THINK CORRECTLY about Him, yourself & others. When you THINK CORRECTLY about Him, yourself & others, you won't feel so discouraged or alone! Instead, you'll know EXACTLY what God thinks about you, & really, that is the ONLY thing that truly counts! THEN, you'll be STRONG enough to

RESIST THE TEMPTATION!

In fact, in Ephesians 6:10-18, God says that His



WORD is our
ARMOR & SHIELD

to

RESIST ALL TEMPTATION.

So **STAY CLOSE** to JESUS
in **PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY** & watch
how you will be able to **RESIST TEMPTATION!**



How do we Resist Temptation?

Have a CLOSE RELATIONSHIP with Jesus! Spend time praying & reading His Word. Go to a church where His truth is taught from the King James Bible. Do what He says everyday. Learn how much He loves you & has ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU! See Psalm 37! In your prayers, ask God to teach you His truth about Himself, yourself & others! Satan is the author of all temptation to evil! He tells us that His way of sin will satisfy us. That may be so for a while, but if we follow his way, we'll SOON be miserable! But God is GREATER THAN SATAN! And God's way ALWAYS leads us to peace & inner happiness no matter what is going on around us! When we have our soul FILLED WITH GOD'S WORD & OBEY IT, & let God handle the rest, you WILL be able to RESIST TEMPTATION! God says so!

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober (serious), vigilant (stay in God's Word), because your adversary (your enemy) the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren in the world.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered for a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1Peter 5:6-9

Next week, we will see how Jesus used God's Word to
RESIST TEMPTATION!

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- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

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- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
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