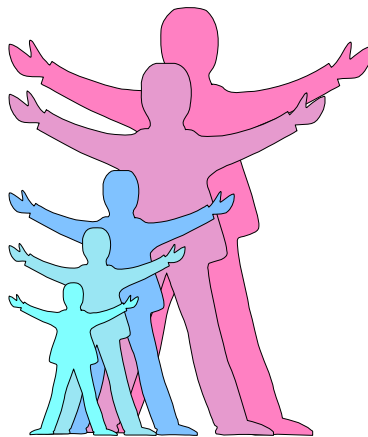


God Gives Us
POWER
To
Resist Temptation



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)

Today we will continue to answer this question:

**How can we resist temptations such as
drugs and alcohol?**

So far we've learned that God CLEARLY tells us
how to resist temptations of all kinds. He tells us
how right there in His WRITTEN WORD in



The King James Bible of 1611.

In His WRITTEN WORD
God has given all His children
THE DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW

&

THE EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW

to be able to

RESIST ALL TEMPTATIONS!

Today we'll see that God also gives all His children

POWER

to follow all His directions & examples!

Where is that POWER? Well, if you have accepted
Jesus as your Savior, God says that the POWER to
follow God's directions & His examples is available
right WITHIN YOU! Here is what God had the
apostle Paul write about this POWER:

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the excellency of the power may be of
God and not of us."

2Corinthians 4:7 KJB

Let's *CONCENTRATE* now so we can UNDER-
STAND some of what God is telling us about this

POWER in that scripture. God says that His children have a TREASURE inside them that is HIS POWER! We'll need to understand some of the words in that scripture to begin to understand what that TREASURE is that is GOD'S POWER! 1st of all what is the EARTHEN VESSEL? Well, if you simply READ ON a little further, Paul tells us what that EARTHEN VESSEL is! Notice the UNDERLINED WORD.

"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." 2Corin 4:10 KJB

At this time we are not going to explain what that this verse means. We just wanted you to notice the word BODY there. You see, God used the words EARTHEN VESSEL as a PICTURE WORD to mean our HUMAN BODY. Picture words help us UNDERSTAND something more easily. God is saying that the physical body of a believer in Jesus Christ is like an EARTHEN VESSEL. And what is an EARTHEN VESSEL? An EARTHEN VESSEL is simply



A CLAY POT!
And what do clay pots do?
They hold things inside them
- plants, cookies, money, all
kinds of things!



God says the body of ALL BELIEVERS is like an EARTHEN VESSEL. It's like a CLAY POT! And by the way, God sure used a PERFECT PICTURE WORD for

our human body since He made the human body right out of the DUST or CLAY from the ground! Read Genesis 2:7; 3:19 KJB So if you come across words or sentences in that Bible that you don't understand right away, just **KEEP ON READING!** God **ALWAYS** explains the words He uses in the Bible. God's Word is **SIMPLE** to understand if we just simply **KEEP ON READING & SEARCHING** our Bibles & asking Him to help us **FIND** the meaning of things we may not understand right away! And if there are any vocabulary words you may not know, you can use your **DIC-TIONARY** to help you too! Reading God's Word does take a little work! We must be willing to **DIG INTO IT & READ & STUDY & SEARCH** the **SCRIPTURES** if we want to be able to understand it so we can **USE** it - **ESPECIALLY** to **RESIST TEMPTATION!**

We've now **READ** for ourselves that God says that believers' **BODIES** are like **EARTHEN VES-SELS!** And God says that those bodies hold something special inside them. A **TREASURE** of **HIS POWER!** What is the **TREASURE** that God says believers carry around in their **BODIES** that is **HIS POWER?**



Well let's do some **DIGGING** into God's Word to find what that treasure is!

1st of all, when you think of **TREASURE**, you think of something that is **BURIED** or **HIDDEN**. Treasure is something **VALUABLE!** Most often when we think of treasure we think of

**SILVER & GOLD,
RICHES & JEWELS!**

Lot's of people think that if they have lots of riches like silver & gold, they will have lots of power to do anything they please. But let's see what GOD SAYS is REAL TREASURE - REAL POWER! By simply READING the next few scriptures, see if YOU can figure out what GOD SAYS is the HIDDEN TREASURE of POWER that believers carry around inside them.



“All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing perverse in them. They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.”

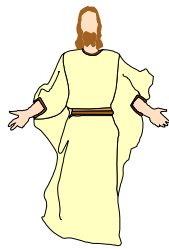
Proverbs 8:8-11 KJB

Did you figure it out? God says that HIS WORD is a treasure BETTER than any TREASURES of this world - better than silver, gold, rubies! Nothing can compare to the RICHES of having God's WORD inside your head & in your heart ready to BELIEVE & OBEY! Why? Because in God's Word is the ONLY TRUE POWER that can help you - especially when it comes to

RESISTING TEMPTATIONS!

And guess what! If you have already accepted Jesus as your Savior, you now have SOME of God's POWERFUL WORD in you. You have the POWERFUL GOSPEL MESSAGE in your mind & heart & soul! 1st you learned that God's Word said that Jesus is

God's Son who came to earth & paid for ALL man's sins when He went to the cross. You learned the fact that 3 days after He died & was buried, Jesus rose again from the dead & later went back up to heaven. You learned that God's Word says that Jesus is man's ONLY WAY to 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

You learned that God's Word said that if you simply BELIEVED IN JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR, God would SAVE YOU from your sins & make you His child forever! You learned that God's Word PROMISED this to anyone at all who simply BELIEVES IN JESUS!

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

Acts 16:31 KJB

And then you simply BELIEVED GOD'S PROMISE! You simply BELIEVED that God would DO exactly what He said He would do. You had FAITH in God's Word about Jesus! You had FAITH in Jesus! And at that VERY INSTANT that you simply BELIEVED that promise from God, God's Word of POWER to save you - SAVED YOU! At that very instant, you were given a NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE as a child of God! That is how POWERFUL God's

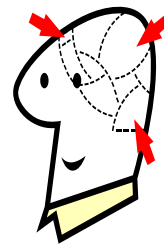
God's Word is! Listen to this: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

1Peter 1:23 KJB

All believers have God's Word about Jesus being their Savior inside them; but then sadly, some believers never get much more of God's Word - HIS TREASURE OF POWER - in side them. They never spend any time DIGGING INTO their Bibles to search for MORE of the treasure of God's Word - HIS PROMISES THAT HE ALWAYS KEEPS! And THAT is why, many believers find it VERY DIFFICULT to RESIST TEMPTATIONS! We need to HIDE GOD'S WORD - HIS TREASURE - deep inside our minds & hearts. We need to BELIEVE IT & then OBEY IT & then guess what will happen! When we have FAITH that God will do exactly what His Word SAYS He will do, God's POWER of His Word gives US POWER TO RESIST TEMPTATION because we KNOW God will help us! This is EXACTLY what one man said a long time ago!

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11 KJB

God says that His WORD inside us will give us POWER & STRENGTH to RESIST TEMPTATION! His TREASURE in you will help you to THINK CORRECTLY when faced with temptation! His Word in you is one part of His TREASURES of POWER in earthen vessels! Next week we'll DIG into God's Word & find



out what the other parts are! See you then!

Something Important to Know:

HOW POWERFUL IS GOD'S WORD?

By it, God CREATED EVERYTHING!
He SPOKE HIS WORD & ALL WAS CREATED!

Read Genesis 1

Read John 1:1-14

"For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful,
and sharper than any two edged sword, pierc-
ing even to the dividing asunder of soul and
spirit and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a
discerner of the thoughts and intents of the
heart."

Hebrews 4:12 KJB

WHY IS GOD'S WORD POWERFUL?

Read Numbers 23:19 KJB

Because God is NOT A MAN THAT HE SHOULD
LIE! What He SAYS, HE DOES!

That is God's POWER!

Nothing can STOP GOD!

When faced with temptation, simply BELIEVE
GOD'S WORD & OBEY IT! He'll give you the
POWER TO RESIST!

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From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- 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*.



From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
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