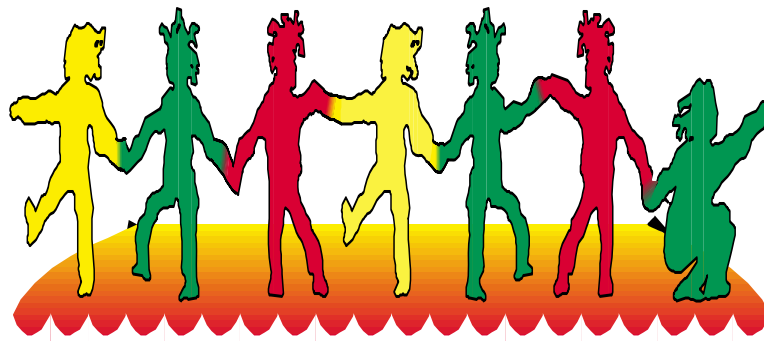


God Gives Us  
POWER  
To  
Resist Temptation  
Part 2



***OUR DAILY BREAD***

Junior Edition

10-21-07



### **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 searching in our  
KING JAMES BIBLE  
to find out more about  
How we can RESIST ALL kinds of temptations,  
especially those like drugs & alcohol!

So far we've learned that God has given ALL His  
children EVERYTHING they need to  
RESIST TEMPTATIONS.

And by the way, it is important that you know that you are  
God's child ONLY if you have accepted Jesus as your Savior.  
Read John 1:12-13, Romans 8:16-17 & John 14:1. Galatians  
3:26 KJB tells us this:

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ  
Jesus."

So if you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, then YOU are a  
CHILD OF GOD forever, & He's given you everything you  
need to be strong!

In our past few lessons, we've learned that God has given  
ALL of His children

CLEAR DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW  
and  
PERFECT EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW  
to be able to



RESIST TEMPTATIONS.  
And those directions & examples are  
CLEARLY written down for us in  
God's WRITTEN WORD!  
So start READING YOUR  
KING JAMES BIBLE TODAY!

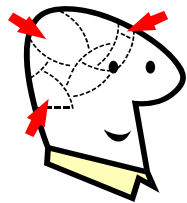
Now besides giving all His children clear directions

to follow & perfect examples to follow, last week we began to learn that God has also given ALL His children all the POWER they need to be able to LEARN & FOLLOW His CLEAR DIRECTIONS & PERFECT EXAMPLES. God tells His children that His POWER that He gives them is RIGHT INSIDE THEM ready for use! God calls His POWER a TREASURE! And He calls our human bodies EARTHEN VESSELS (clay pots that hold His treasure)!

Do you remember this verse from last week?

"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

Last week we learned that part of God's TREASURE of POWER that is inside ALL believers' EARTHEN VESSELS is His WORD! We saw that ALL believers have SOME of God's powerful Word in them, because ALL believers have the GOSPEL message in them. Get last week's lesson if you need to know what this means. But God wants us to have LOTS & LOTS more of His POWERFUL WORD



**inside us**  
so that we can have it  
**ready to use**

in times of temptation. God wants us to be able to use His POWERFUL WORD just like Jesus did when He suffered temptation by Satan in the desert. Get the lesson from 10-07-07 to learn about that.

God tells us that when we HAVE His Word in our hearts & minds & simply BELIEVE it -have FAITH in it & want to OBEY it, He'll give us ALL the power we need to be able to OBEY IT - to

**RESIST TEMPTATIONS!**

Our FAITH in what God promises to do in His Word is what RELEASES God's power to help us do what He says we should do at that moment of temptation! And how much FAITH do we need? Well, here is a DIRECTION & an EXAMPLE that Jesus gave His disciples one day about how much FAITH we need to be able to DO what He says.

One day, Jesus was teaching His disciples about FORGIVENESS! Jesus told His disciples that no matter how many times a person does something against us, if that person asks us to FORGIVE them, we must FORGIVE THEM - even if they do this 7 times in just ONE DAY! Oh, my!!! We all know how difficult THAT is! When someone hurts us even just ONE TIME, our old sin nature

LOVES to STAY

**ANGRY & UNFORGIVING!**

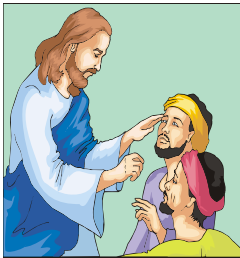


In fact, the TEMPTATION to NOT forgive that person even ONCE, is a BIG TEMPTATION! Imagine how BIG the TEMPTATION to STAY ANGRY & NOT FORGIVE is when the person hurts us 7 times in just ONE DAY! Well, the disciples sure knew how HARD it would be on their own, NOT to give in to the temptation to stay angry & unforgiving

is, so here is what they asked Jesus to do for them:  
Luke 7:5 KJB

“And the apostles said unto the Lord,  
Increase our faith.”

The apostle knew how hard it is sometimes to forgive people who really hurt us, so they figured that they would need lots & lots of faith to be able to FORGIVE as God commands & RESIST the temptation to NOT FORGIVE! But listen to what Jesus told them about how much FAITH is needed to obey God & RESIST TEMPTATION to disobey Him!



“And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.”

Luke 17:6 KJB

Did you ever see a MUSTARD SEED? The mustard seed is one of the tiniest seeds. You probably can just about see them! Jesus was giving His disciples an EXAGGERATED EXAMPLE of how tiny an amount of faith in God’s Word we need. But no matter how TINY our faith is, when we simply BELIEVE what God says, He’ll give us the POWER to trust & obey & RESIST TEMPTATION! You see, the POWER is in God & His PROMISES to do what He says He’ll do! The power is NOT in how

much faith we have. The power is GOD'S power to DO what He says He'll do for us as we simply BELIEVE HIM, TRUST HIM & OBEY HIM! And as we saw last week, God is ALL POWERFUL. He DOES what He SAYS He'll do - every single time! We can ALWAYS trust God & His Word - ALWAYS!

God CANNOT LIE! Numbers 23:19 KJB  
Here is what the Lord told a man named Hezekiah:

"And this *shall* be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;"

Isaiah 38:7 KJB

God says that WHATEVER HE SAYS, HE WILL DO! Here is what the Lord says:

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void (empty), but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Isaiah 55:11 KJB

So let's see how TRUSTING GOD & OBEYING GOD'S WORD to RESIST the TEMPTATIONS of drugs & alcohol would work for you by seeing how it works in the life of a PRETEND BOY named

## TIM.



Tim is a teenager who has LOTS of troubles at home. Also, he's not very popular at school. But Tim is also a teenager who has accepted Jesus as his Savior. And every day, Tim prays & reads his King James Bible so that he can get to know God more & be prepared for whatever troubles &

challenges God might allow in his life. Tim's heart & mind are filled with God's directions, examples & promises. Tim knows such promises as we find in Psalm 37! Read it for yourself! Tim KNOWS He can depend on God to DO exactly what He SAYS He'll do. Tim knows all this because He's TESTED God's Word out! Many times when faced with troubles & temptations, Tim chose to BELIEVE GOD'S WORD & WAIT for God to work things out for him, & God did! Here is one of the PROMISES OF GOD that Tim knows & believes & uses in times of trouble.

"And we know that all things (even the troubles & temptations we face & the mistakes we may make) work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to *his* purpose."

Romans 8:28 KJB

And Tim LOVES GOD! He LOVES GOD'S WORD! So one day after having LOTS of trouble at home, when Tim got to school, 2 boys he knew asked him if he wanted to go drinking with them. They told Tim that the drinks would help him "forget his troubles" & feel better. At that moment, Tim would have LOVED to FORGET ALL HIS TROUBLES & FEEL BETTER; but instead, he asked God to help him do the right thing. Then He REMEMBERED something that he had



just read in his Bible that very morning:

"Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow?  
Who hath contentions? Who hath  
babbling? Who hath wounds with-  
out cause? Who hath redness of  
eyes?"

They that tarry long at the wine; they that go  
to seek mixed wine."

Proverbs 23:29-30 KJB

Then Tim remembered what else God says about get-



ting drunk. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20:1 KJB

When faced with the temptation to drink to forget his troubles, Tim asked God to help him do the right thing. God helped Tim remember that getting drunk ADDS MORE TROUBLE TO OUR TROUBLE! It will ruin your life! Then the Lord helped Tim remember that when we trust God, He sends His blessings that NEVER add sorrow! And God's blessings do NOT add sorrows! "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." Pro 10:22 God helped Tim THINK & ACT RIGHT in the face of temptation! Tim also remembered another of God's promises:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1Corinthians 1:9 KJB

God has WONDERFUL THINGS prepared for those who love Him. Tim remembered that GOD is the One who will work all his troubles out for good. Tim had FAITH in God's promises! So that day, because Tim believed GOD instead of those boys, Tim used God's POWER within him to RESIST TEMPTATION!



Tim used the POWER of God's WORD to say NO to those boys & alcohol. Now notice the underlined words above. They give us hints as to what the other parts of God's TREASURE OF POWER are Tim used that day.

. Next week, we'll start to learn about them too!

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## Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

**Sunday Transportation Service** ~ Call 24 hours Prior

## Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

## Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

## Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

## Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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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).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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