



CAPITOL COMMISSION

Response in Trials: Lesson 7

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“That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:” 1 Peter 4:2-3

GUARD YOUR BEHAVIOR¹

Having the mind of Christ **buffets** the flesh and **brings** the scorn of others.

Christians are in a spiritual **battle**.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

OFFENSIVE DISCIPLINES

1. **Fasting** – *Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*
2. **Memorizing** – *Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*
3. **Studying** – *2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
4. **Meditating** – *Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

DEFENSIVE WARNING SIGNS

1. **Beware Distractions** – Soldiers should not get entangled in civilian activities.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2. **Beware Carnal Desires** – “Sin will take you farther than you want to go, leave you longer than you want to stay, cost you more than you want to pay”²

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3. **Beware Deception** – Sin overpromises and under-delivers.

2 Peter 2:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

The Christian life is not about living to please one’s **self!**

Romans 15:1-3 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

¹ James MacDonald

² “Sin Will Take You Farther” song Author: Harold McWhorter

BIBLE STUDIES

CHAPEL SERVICES: THURSDAY @ 12:10-12:35 P.M.
STAFF/LOBBYIST BIBLE STUDY: FRIDAY @ 12:30 P.M., CHAPEL ROOM