

# Fatal Attraction©

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**Galatians 6:7 (NKJV): 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

If you want to reap good seed, you must sow good seed. Paul is speaking to Christians here and he has a very stern word for the body of Christ. He says, ‘Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.’

“No one knows that I am doing it. It doesn’t matter.”

You can go out and sow seed all night long, while people are asleep, when no one is seeing what you are doing, and you are still going to reap what you sow.

**Galatians 6:8-10 (NKJV): 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

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(Prayer) Father, I thank You for the power that is on this word. I pray you give us ears to hear what Your Holy Spirit is saying to us today. Please open our hearts to receive this word into our spirit and be saved by it. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Paul says whatever we sow, that shall we also reap. Satan doesn’t want you sowing to the Spirit so that you reap life everlasting and peace. He doesn’t want you to do that. What does he do to prevent you from attaining this? He brings distractions into your life to get you off track, and to get you to destroy your own life.

Satan is the great distracter. He loves to distract Christians. If he can get us distracted from doing God’s will, into doing our own will and our own thing, then he can talk us into bringing destruction into our own life. Satan is well versed in the word and he knows this scripture is true. He understands that whatever a person sows that shall they also reap. He knows if you sow to the flesh you are going to reap corruption, and whenever corruption sets in, not only does he have your body, he also has a hook in you to get you to accuse God. If he can bring disease and mayhem into your life then he can turn your heart against God and separate you from the only Hope that can save you.

We can blame Satan all day long for destroying our life, but when we walk in agreement with him, the word plainly tells us we are going to reap corruption. Meanwhile he is standing back and laughing at us. He is mocking us for buying into his deception. “You let me trick you. How gullible you are!”

It is kind of like the guy playing with the snake. He knew it was a snake but he kept playing with it anyway. Eventually the snake bites him; the guy is dying; and he looks at the snake and says, ‘Why did you bite me?’

“I am a snake. You knew I was a snake and you knew what I would do. You played with me anyway and now you are dying. I guess the joke is on you.”

**2 Samuel 11:1 (NKJV): 1 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.**

It happened. What happened? The distraction happened.

**2 Samuel 11:2-5 (NKJV): 2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. 3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I *am* with child."**

David stopped doing what God had instructed him to do as the king of Jerusalem. He did not go out into battle as the kings do at that time of year. And because he did not obey, Satan took that opportunity to distract him with a *fatal attraction*. David committed adultery with Uriah's wife, Bathsheba, while Uriah was out on the battlefield.

Now I want to talk about Uriah for a few minutes. Ministers always seem to speak of the adulterous affair, and what the results of it were, but seldom do you hear us speak about Uriah.

Uriah is the victim in this yet he is hardly ever spoken of. Uriah is doing the right thing. He is honoring God by honoring the king, and he is honoring the authority of the king over his life. He is honoring both God and the king by obeying the king's command without hesitation or regard for his own safety. He is going out to battle and literally putting his life on the line. Yet while Uriah is doing this the king of Israel is *dishonoring him*.

Uriah does nothing wrong. He is obeying the instructions he has been given to the letter. He is faithful in what is his duty and responsibility. Let's look at something here; something that occurs at the command of the king.

**2 Samuel 11:6-13 (NKJV): 6 Then David sent to Joab, *saying*, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered. 8 And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah departed from the king's house, and a gift *of food* from the king followed him. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10 So when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" 11 And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? *As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.*" 12 Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13 Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.**

Notice in verse eight that David instructs Uriah to go to his own house. David is intending to cover up his sin by sending Uriah to spend the night with Bathsheba so that no one will be know that the baby is his. Everyone will think that Uriah has entered into Bathsheba at the time of his sabbatical and the baby was conceived then.

But notice in verse nine, that Uriah sleeps at the door of the king's house with the king's servants and refuses to find pleasure with his wife while his fellow soldiers are on the battlefield in harm's way. This is how honorable this man was.

Allow this to get into your spirit. This man was honorable. He lay outside the door of the king's house and slept because he did not want to dishonor The Ark of the Covenant or the sacrifice and the price his fellow soldiers were paying on the battlefield. He could not have pleasure while The Ark was housed in a tent and while his fellow servants were suffering.

Uriah had so much integrity and such moral principles that his heart convicted him against bringing dishonor to God or to his fellow men; yet David, the king after God's own heart, dishonored Uriah. David victimized Uriah. He was the victim of his wife's sin and the sin of his king. His commander and chief, if you will, betrayed Uriah.

**Your sin not only affects you, it affects those around you!** And Uriah was affected, was he not? His wife conceived a child out of an adulterous affair while he was laying down his life for those who were dishonoring him. But that is not the only way he was. Listen to this.

**2 Samuel 11:14-17 (NKJV): 14 In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die." 16 So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men. 17 Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And some of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also.**

I want you to notice in verse 14, that David sends his sealed command by Uriah, himself, to Joab. It is in that sealed letter that David commanded Joab to send Uriah to the forefront of the heat of the battle, (in other words to the front line where the fighting was the most intense), and when he was so positioned, the commander was to pull back the most valiant men and arrange it so that Uriah would be killed. So not only did David have Uriah killed, he had required him to carry and deliver his own death sentence to his leader.

And it was done as King David commanded. Uriah was killed; yet he had done nothing to deserve death!

Did we not just read in Galatians 6:7, that whatever a man sows that will he also reap? It doesn't sound to me like Uriah reaped exactly what he had sown. See what sin does to the soul of man? See how sin is carried out in such a cunning, diabolical, and methodical manner? See how sin is so destructive; the ripple effect it has once it is conceived? Do we see the outcome and effect it has on others around us?

Men only see the pleasure of it! But God wants to pull back the veil that is hiding it and expose it for the evil it is! He wants us to see the heinous crime and the pain of it. Something so innocent, something as pure as Uriah's heart is in all this, is being snuffed out before its time. His life is cut short and taken from him all because of a moment's pleasure. His life is cut off without seed to his own name. Yet David was a godly king.

You say how was it a ***fatal attraction***? It was a fatal attraction when it cost Uriah his life; when it cost the life of the baby David and Bathsheba conceived out of the adulterous affair; and when it brought the sword against David's house which never left as long as he lived. David not only saw the results in the corruption of his household but he also saw it in his flesh before he departed earth.

It may appear as though you are getting away with sin's wage for a season, but once that season is over, you will have your wage paid in full. And the wage of sin is death according to Romans 6:23. There is only destruction waiting in the wings for sin and its pleasures.

David was distracted by a ***fatal attraction***. But please understand that a fatal attraction would have found no place in his heart had David been on the battlefield obeying and serving God. If he had been on the battlefield with the kings he would have been protected from the temptation for he would have been doing what was right. But David just couldn't see going out to battle at that time.

Bathsheba wasn't out on the battlefield. She was in her own house, but the enemy knew when she bathed. The enemy knew how to set David up.

What happened here? James chapter four and verse seventeen tells us.

**James 4:17 (NKJV): 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.**

To him who ***knows*** to do good and who ***chooses*** not to do it, it is to him a sin. Tell me, do you hear him calling out a list of sins? I don't hear him mentioning theft, adultery, lying, gossiping, or gluttony. I don't see any of those sins listed here. James just says plainly, 'that he who ***knows to do*** good and ***doesn't do*** it, it is sin.'

David sinned long before he called Bathsheba over to his house, lay with her and conceived a child. He sinned by being disobedient to God in not going to battle with the other kings. When we say, 'I don't want to do that God. I want to do what I want to do.' That is a ***fatal distraction!*** Beware!

Have you ever been in the middle of doing something important, and become distracted by something else, something that seemed good? It happens all the time, does it not? You will be working, focused and concentrating on something you have been called to do when someone walks up and wants you to help them or wants you to do something else.

You are at your job and you get a telephone call right in the middle of something important. You know to accept the personal call is wrong, but you take it anyway. And about the time you start talking the boss walks up and you know you are going to be reprimanded. You wouldn't be in trouble if you hadn't taken what ***seemed good*** to you instead of staying ***focused on what was important***.

Are you currently or have you ever been taken or smitten by something, or someone, and it looked good on the surface, but beneath that façade you find out it is filled with venomous poison? But by then it was too late!

Before we go any further, we need to hear this. First of all, a believer, a child of God, a Christian must know ***what the will of God is for their life***, before they can clearly see someone, or something, as a ***fatal distraction or a fatal attraction*** entering their life. Let me write that again.

Before a Christian can discern and know that something or someone is a *fatal distraction* or a *fatal attraction* to them, they first have to know what God's will is in their life.

If you are *not* doing God's will you are *not* going to need to be distracted from God. It is only those who *know* God's will and *are doing* God's will that need to guard their hearts from a fatal distraction, or a fatal attraction, coming into their life to pull them away from God. You see, once you have experienced the real thing in your life, it is easier to discern or recognize the distraction when it comes to you. Have you ever noticed that?

I know what is important. *God has shown me through a series of learning events.* I learned obedience by the things I have suffered. I know what is important. I know what needs to have preeminence in my life. I know what needs to be a priority, but if I let something good come and replace that then I am allowing it of *my own will* and of *my own heart* for I *know* what is right.

But for someone who is immature, for someone who has not come to the knowledge of the ways of God, who has not studied and implemented the word of God into their life, they will not know or recognize a distraction that could be fatal to them. You must learn to watch out for life's little distractions. The enemy is going about as a roaring lion to devour people and to destroy their lives.

Jesus had a presence about him. He had a drawing presence about Himself which drew people to Him. Do you remember Nicodemus in John chapter three? How he came to Jesus in the night and asked Jesus, "What do I need to do to be born again?"

There was something that drew people to Jesus. In this passage, Jesus was walking and something happens as He walks. Let's pick up the story in Luke 9:57.

**Luke 9:57 (NKJV): 57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."***

Now that sounds like commitment to me. It doesn't matter where You are going, I am going to follow You!

**Luke 9:58-59 (NKJV): 58 And Jesus said to him, *"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* 59 Then He said to another, *"Follow Me."* But he said, *"Lord, let me first go and bury my father."***

Now, that sounds like a good thing too, does it not? The man's daddy died and he wants to go bury him; is there anything wrong with that? On the surface, no, but Jesus had said follow Me. Which was more important? It was more important to follow Jesus. Which was good? It was good to bury his father. Do you see that?

**Luke 9:60-62 (NKJV): 60 Jesus said to him, *"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."* 61 And another also said, *"Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."* 62 But Jesus said to him, *"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."***

Before these followers could even *get started* following Christ, they wanted to be released to take care of their own needs first. They had a longing, did they not, to follow Jesus? If they had not had this longing, they wouldn't have come to where He was and sought Him out.

So they had something in their heart that caused them *to want to follow and serve Christ*, yet there was something perverted in their heart that caused them *to put self first*. Isn't it something when you have this paradox going on in your life? The paradox where there is a desire and a knowing that Christ has called you to a higher standard, a higher place, to a higher calling than where you are now in your present stage of life? God is calling you and self is calling you at the same time. And *self* is saying you need to take care of this *good thing first*.

You are torn. You want to do this but that is interfering. When I would to do good, *evil is always present* with me. Self is always present. Paul went through the same ordeal. You find it in Romans 7:19. The good that I would do I could not find the strength to do. The thing that I did not want to do, that is what I ended up doing. Paul had to overcome that.

What Jesus is showing us in this story is that, there are many that are called, but there is only a few chosen. Only a few are chosen because only a few will say I will let someone else bury my father. Only a few will say I'll just send an e-mail to those who are at my house. Only a few will say now that I have come into Your presence, and You have told me what is important, I am going forsake all and follow You.

See before these followers *could even get started* following Christ they wanted to be released to take care of their own needs first. What did Jesus say, "If any man will come after Me, let him *first deny self*, take up his cross, and then follow Me." These men did not want to deny self, did they?

Many new Christians, or immature believers, who have never really gotten into the word of God, live in this particular cycle that Jesus addresses in this chapter. Many, Jesus said, are called. So there are many believers who are living just like this. They know God has called them but something else is more important. Something else has their attention also. The moment they put their hand 'to the plow', the moment they decide to commit, something falls apart to prevent them from actually taking the first step. It is a cycle. Jesus wants us to obey without conditions or distractions.

The just shall live by faith. When we live by faith and you are doing what God tells you to do then you will break that cycle. Satan will use hurt, temptation, lusts, fear, offense or any of the many other little tactics he has in his arsenal to seduce young or immature believers in order to prevent them from obeying and serving God. If he can keep them from serving God, then he is keeping them from the blessings of God, and they then will have no reward.

They have been called. They heard the calling, "Come follow Me." You have heard the calling, "Come do this for Me," but for whatever reason, you just can't seem to get there. You can't seem to muster up the strength or the will to be obedient. It is *the willing and the obedient* which lay up for themselves rewards in the kingdom.

Until you commit to serving like they should have done, until you get to that place, *you are not living by faith*. *You are just confessing* I am saved.

Paul said whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord. Doing all things as unto the Lord puts God preemptive in all things. It puts Him in first place in your life. Then, when God says it is time to do something, you know it doesn't mean in your time but in His time.

Until a believer puts his hands 'to the plow' and doesn't look back, until the believer gets to this point in their walk, there will be no reward for their work in the kingdom because they haven't really worked yet. Do we hear what God is saying to the church?

The church, for generations, has focused on salvation. They have focused on the gospel of salvation. When Jesus, in Matthew chapter 3, went about preaching, He preached *the gospel of the kingdom*. And in that same context He calls His disciples and says, "Come you fishers, and I will make you fishers of men." He took them out of their way of living, took them away from their careers, and put them into working in the kingdom. Now they are doing the Father's business and not their own.

What was Jesus doing? He was calling them, not to come to church, but into the work of the kingdom, because once you are saved you are no longer your own. You are now to live for Jesus and to serve His purpose in the earth. When you hook up with Jesus and you start doing His will first, you are then living in the Kingdom of God. You have put your hands 'to the plow' and now God can bless you in this world. You are not *of* this world; you are the redeemed of it. You are *in* it but you are not *of* it. You have been *translated out* of the *kingdom of darkness* and *put into the kingdom of light*. You work out of and for His kingdom now. God can now bless your faithfulness and your obedience, because you are now sowing to the Spirit and no longer to the flesh and its lusts.

I am not doing this for me I am doing this for Jesus. When you can say that because of obedience to Him and to His calling, then Jesus can say, "Now I can reward you. I will cause you to reap back what you have sown in My time, not yours." And people have been robbed thinking it is only about salvation.

No, it is not just about salvation. Salvation is for eternity. **God wants you to work now in this world for Him so that when you get to eternity you will have something laid up for yourself in heaven!** But there is a distracter you have to overcome before that can happen!

Please allow this message to get into your spirit. I am sharing a prophetic word with you. We **must be about our Father's business**. Night is coming when no man can work.

**Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV): 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

Now in this passage, God has given them enough work to keep them busy for a very long time, has He not? He has given them a detailed instruction of what they are to do and He has given them a divine purpose while they are in the earth. Nowhere in these three scriptures do I see where it says, eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Does it say that anywhere in these verses? No.

I mean, think about it, this man gets in on the ground floor of one of the biggest corporations the world will ever know. He is the first man in the door. God says I am setting you here on the lower level, and if you are faithful over what I told you, I will promote you. He has all this potential given to him by the Lord and he has been instructed in what he is to do, and in what they, as man and woman, are to do. They are to fill the earth, to subdue it, and to have dominion over it. This is a great opportunity! The world is their oyster, if you will. But what happens? You get to Genesis chapter three.

**Genesis 3:1 (NKJV): 1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said,**

What happened? Listen, **Satan cannot talk to faith.** **Satan can only talk to doubt.** Eve had doubt in her heart about her calling.

“Well, I just don’t know. I heard we are not supposed to eat of that tree or touch it. I just don’t know. You mean I can eat of that and I won’t die, but I will become like the God who created us?”

See, she had some ignorance. When you have some ignorance about God there is always room for doubt. Satan comes in there and causes her to doubt in her ignorance. He causes her to question what God has said. We see there in Genesis chapter one God has given them specific instructions; yet Satan causes her to doubt what she has heard God say.

He has given to us also detailed instructions and they are contained in the Bible, His word. The word contains your purpose and it contains your calling while here on the earth. Do it.

**It is our responsibility to learn what our kingdom assignment on earth is and then to fulfill it.**

You can see before Adam and Eve even ***begin to get a good start*** on obeying God’s commands and purpose in their lives the great distracter mysteriously appears in the garden with them. Where did this distracter come from? Suddenly there he was, and wouldn’t you know it, he distracts Eve’s attention away from something **godly** and redirects it to something **good**.

God had told them to stay away from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; to tend the garden and to protect the garden. This was their duty. What does Satan do? He challenges what God has said. “Now I know what God has said, but let me redirect your focus to something **good**.” Something good usually means something you are wanting.

I know what God has said, but this is what I really want. Satan knows how to redirect your focus because he operates under the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. He knows how to distract men’s attention. He turns their gaze to something or someone and when he sees the drool start coming out of the side of their mouth metaphorically, he says, ‘Good I have my hook in them.’ The distracter knows how to hook a person. “I saw the way King David looked at Bathsheba. I can distract him from God with her.”

So Satan distracts Eve. **He got her through fatal attraction.** She is distracted by something that will kill her, but on the surface it looked **good**. He redirected her gaze to something that is good. I can’t get past that. Satan will always offer you something that is **good** over something that is **godly**. He will entice you by saying, ‘It’s not sin because it is good and it is good for you.’

But to him that ***knows the good that he should do*** and he ***does it not***, to him **good is a sin**.

It is **good**, it will make you wise. It will make you **look good**. It will make you like God. How much better can you get than being like God? It is good but . . .

What happened was it distracted them from what God had said. Once you know what God’s will is for your life be careful! Be careful that you don’t allow something or someone to come along and pull you away from being obedient to your calling.

Let me re-emphasize that. Once you know what God’s will is for your life, don’t allow something or someone to pull you away from being obedient to your calling. Your calling is your umbilical cord; it is your lifeline.

Look at this. Jesus is walking down the road and He had a whole multitude of people walking with Him. He said to them, “Unless you eat My flesh, and drink My blood, you have no part with Me.” And about that time a large number of them walked away from Him. They parted company from Him immediately. Jesus then turns to the twelve disciples and said, “Will you not go also?”

You know Simon Peter, Bartholomew, Andrew and all the other guys could have taken offense, bit into the distraction, and left Him too. But Simon Peter says this, “Where can we go? Only You have the words of life.”

You have to say, to make up your mind, that you cannot afford to let this hardship, this sickness, this set-back, or this disappointment distract you from your heavenly calling, because your heavenly calling keeps you attached to your lifeline. We tend to focus on the *sin part* of Eve’s story, but today God wants us to focus on the *disobedient part*. It wasn’t just about what they were doing that was wrong, but rather, it was that *they had stopped doing what was right*.

We focus on sin, and we should, but God wants us to focus on *our purpose*. We can put out fires all day long but until we get that arsonist in jail, he is going to keep setting fires. Go get the arsonist and put him in jail and the fire problem ceases to exist. Kill self and you won’t have to worry about lusts overtaking you. Crucify self and you won’t have to worry about distractions. So He is showing us today, to coin a phrase, ‘how to nip it in the bud.’

They stopped doing what was right from almost the beginning. They were not serving God’s will but they began serving their own desires. When she did that, Eve allowed her heart to be attracted to something that was deadly. Here it is, here is the key to unlocking this.

**Proverbs 4:20-22 (NKJV): 20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.**

How do you let words depart from your eyes? By doing something that you *know is not right*. His words are life. What did I say while ago? It is your lifeline. It is your umbilical cord. It is your connection to do what God said to do and it contains your ability to do so. They are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh. Now there is a health care plan you can use!

**Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV): 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.**

**Keep your heart** with all diligence! You keep your heart with all diligence, this is **your key!** Keep your heart with all diligence for out of it spring the issues of life. So while you are on the job and distractions come along and someone comes up to you and says, ‘Let’s go get drunk,’ you are ready to respond immediately. You are on the ready to say, ‘No, I can’t. I must guard my heart.’ Part of you may want to excuse yourself with the rough day you have had but the part of you that says, ‘No, if my boss finds out it is over and besides my life is more than that!’ This is the part you had better listen to.

The only reason Satan loves your company is to get you distracted so he can pull on your emotions and affections and convince you that you are wounded, hurt, offended and that you just need to get wasted and forget about it all.

He will send someone to commiserate with you. Someone that will console you with words of, ‘Come on, you know it’s been a hard day and tomorrow is going to be just as bad. I know your boss is picking on you and

singling you out. I feel your pain, your humiliation, but you need to know I love you. It doesn't help that your spouse doesn't understand you either. Come on we'll go get wasted. I'm buying. I'll furnish the booze and I have some meth. We'll get wasted together and forget the whole ordeal. Come on buddy, nobody knows you like I do. I feel you buddy." The whole time he is robbing you of the position God has set you in.

God says, Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it springs the issues of life. Keep guard. Beware!

**Proverbs 4:24 (NKJV): 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.**

Don't listen to people who have lying and seducing spirits in them or in their mouths. Put them away from you, run them off! Run far from them! Put perverse lips, lips that flatter with deceit and vain babblings, far from you!

**Proverbs 4:25-27 (NKJV): 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.**

Satan, who is also called the thief, is always looking for ways to pull your heart's attention away from God, away from His word, and most definitely away from His will. He can then seduce you, to stop you from doing God's will, so you will begin doing your own will with him leading the way. Now there are two occasions with the believer's walk with God that Satan will try his dead level best to distract you the most.

There are two occasions he will use. When you begin your walk with God, as Eve did there in the garden, and when you have obtained much like David.

David was at the pinnacle, he was at the top, he was king. Satan will come, as he did with David, when you have obtained much, or you have accomplished much, because of God's blessings on your life, and because you have walked faithfully with Him.

Satan will come when you are at the beginning and God has given you a plan; or he will come when you have accomplished most of the plan in your life. Satan wants new believers to abort their destiny before it has time to bear fruit; and he distracts veteran believers to corrupt the fruit of their labor before they get their reward. In your patience possess your soul.

You will know you are being seduced into a *fatal attraction* because the Holy Spirit will warn you before you ever act upon it. You know in your spirit or in your heart when the Holy Spirit says, "Don't go there. Don't do that. Don't hook up with them." His voice will pull at you to lead you and to guide you in truth. He will warn you of the consequence of the choice.

If you decide to override His voice you will go ahead and enter into the temptation. You will stop doing what God has called you to do. But you will then have to justify your actions from that time forward. You know it is wrong. God has not released you to go ahead and do what you want to do. You will have to justify yourself because you are not obedient; and you will either have to make an excuse or lie, practicing self-deception and deceiving others. Overcoming the spirit of distraction is what we must do!

And I have noticed, have you, that when you were immature you struggled over the small things? Someone came up with the saying, 'New level; new devil.' Have you noticed no matter how much you have grown up in

Christ you always have a new demon or hurdle to face? Doesn't that just irritate you? You ask God, "Lord, can I hurry up and get to a level where there is no devil!"

Yes, when you leave this earth.

Sometimes it seems I get over one thing or one spirit, and immediately here comes another one. Have you ever been there? We finally whipped that thing! Goliath is dead! And you turn around and you find out he has four more brothers! Well, God, if You had killed all these giants I wouldn't be distracted from all You told me to do. If You would take this lust out of my life, if you would take this problem out of my way, then I could focus on You.

Have you ever prayed that type of prayer? It doesn't work because God wants you to die to it. But God! No, no buts. You have to overcome that distraction. You have to want what God has promised you more than what Satan is telling you. When you get to that place you won't let him distract you from what God has said!

**1 Peter 5:6 (NKJV): 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of man? No, that is not what it says. Humble yourselves, Christians, under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time. That He may exalt you in His time. We are trying to get man or self to do what only God can do. Get up there on the roof and do shingles at midnight and let me know how that works out for you. It is going to be in God's time.

Do what God is telling you and when you do what God is telling you to do He is going to reward you. He is going to exalt or promote you and no enemy will be able to stop you from it. When God says it is time, then it is time!

**1 Peter 5:7-8 (NKJV): 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**

Be sober, be vigilant. I don't think Adam was either one of those. He was intoxicated by the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life; and he was passive.

**1 Peter 5:8-9 (NKJV): 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.**

Resist him. How? Stay steadfast in the faith. I am crucifying the flesh when I stay steadfast in the faith. When I crucify self it hurts! Then when it hurts I begin to feel isolated. Woe is me! And I have myself a pity party. And when I have my pity party, I am attracting evil spirits or demons. "Come and help me, I am wounded by God. Get me out of this misery."

No! That is not what you are supposed to do. You are to keep your eyes on the Lord. When you feel as though God has forsaken you, when you feel as though God has betrayed or rejected you, talk to Him and keep your eyes upon Him. Because if you are not careful you will begin to listen to that doubt and the enemy will come and set you up with a *fatal attraction*!

When that fatal attraction comes, when the mountain stands before you and defies the army of the Living God, and when that giant stands up and says, ‘Who will come up against me?’ You say, ‘Wait a minute! I am not going to be pulled into this. I am going to resist this. I am not going the way of the enemy. I am going the way God has told me. I am going to be resistant to that distraction!’

Resist it! If you are a Christian and you are not being obedient to God’s word or calling upon your life then you are being distracted. And what is worse is you are being robbed of your spiritual blessings and your eternal reward. That is what all these distractions are about.

And the Christians who have allowed the distractions, one after another, week after week, month after month, and year after year to keep them out of the position that God has put them in, are like Adam and Eve and giving into the distractions instead of resisting them. Then they get to the end of their life and their heart is filled with regret, remorse, and grief. Bitterness comes because they could’ve, should’ve and would’ve but didn’t.

God doesn’t want that for you. Satan only comes to kill, steal and to destroy. He is distracting you to rob you of your spiritual blessings and your inheritance in Christ. You *may make it in*, 1 Corinthians chapter 3, tells us that, but *you will have no reward* when you get there. Satan loves to devour our lives through our own self will.

I believe God is getting us ready. I believe the last four months in our church has been nothing but preparation. I believe He is getting us ready for a major change; for a moment in time that will never happen again. He prepares us for years and gets us prepared for that one all impacting moment. We had better be ready. He is getting His body positioned for what is about to happen. 2 Chronicles chapter 20, check it out. He is not doing this for the fun of it. He is getting us ready for the blessing of it.

**Matthew 14:23-29 (NKJV):** **And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.**

Now Peter had come down out of the boat. Now the storm has been going on the entire time this incident has been spoken of. Don’t forget that. The storm is why Jesus is coming out on the water. The storm is why Jesus is coming up to the boat. The storm is still raging while Simon Peter is talking to Jesus, saying, ‘If that is You, bid me come.’ The storm is still there. Nothing has changed.

**Matthew 14:30-33 (NKJV):** **30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."**

Peter walked on the water. Now that is a miracle. Man is walking on the water to go to Jesus. Peter is going to Jesus, but when he *saw*. Wait a minute I remember seeing those words in Genesis chapter three, verses 4-5,

when she *saw*. When he saw; did Peter not have eyes to see that storm before he got out of the boat? I believe he did. But there was something that happened that made him '*saw*'. The wind was boisterous and he was afraid. He was afraid. He was afraid. When he *saw* the wind, the wind spoke to him through his doubt. When he acted on his doubt it caused fear to fill his heart. When fear filled his heart he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Now he is sinking in what he was walking on. I believe that happened to David. He was walking above sin and temptation but when he *saw* . . . Boy, there is something about that '*sawing*.' When he saw, it wasn't the '*sawing of the eyes*'; it was '*the sawing of the heart*'. He saw and when he saw the distraction took. Doubt filled Peter's heart and lust filled David's heart.

**Matthew 14:31 (NKJV): 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

O you of little faith, why did you – there it is – why did you doubt. Satan *speaks to doubt, not to faith*. And when they got in the boat, Jesus whipped him up and down one side then the other? He tore him up from the floor up? NO! He caught him and returned with him to the boat. Jesus didn't let him sink and He didn't leave him there to drown. He went with him all the way to the boat and helped him back into it. Jesus was still walking on the water the whole time – *the absence of doubt*.

Beware of doubt. Don't listen or act on doubt when it appears in your thoughts or in your feelings from rejection or hurt. Doubt caused Peter to be distracted from keeping his eyes on Jesus. Doubt will cause us to be distracted to the point we will take our eyes off the purpose God has called us to. Hebrews chapter 12, tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith and to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

When we take our eyes off of Jesus, or off of what He has called us to fulfill in the earth, then we will begin to sink or slip back into bondage. There is a way to overcome the spirit of distraction that wants to take you out of the good fight of faith, to kill your witness and rob you of your victory in Christ. There is a way to overcome this. We have talked about the problem now let's talk about the solution.

Here is how you overcome the spirit of distraction.

**Matthew 26:24-34 (NKJV): 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." 25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it." 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' 32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." 33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." 34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."**

Look at verse 32, for after all these things the Gentiles seek. They are being distracted by them. The Gentiles are seeking them; the things are luring them, pulling them and distracting them. But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. But you have to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first. After that all those things will be added to you, not before. ***This is the key to overcoming the spirit of distraction that keeps you from doing God's will.*** This is the key.

Seek first. Nah, that is too easy. God has made it so easy any man can do it. Seek first, this is the beginning of the process to the solution. That is the answer to the body of Christ's problem. We have to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. It doesn't say the gospel of salvation and then stop. You are saved when you believe and give your heart to Christ Jesus. Now you seek first the Kingdom of God, the rule of God, the authority of God, the purpose of God, and His righteousness! Live according to His standard, not our own, and all the other stuff you have been pursuing like the Gentiles, this stuff will start following you. If you start following the stuff it is a distraction that will rob you of the blessing; but when you follow Christ it becomes an added blessing to you.

Jesus, in this scripture, doesn't want us to focus on the problem. This is so hard for western-minded people to grasp, this that I am about to share. Jesus, Americans, does not want us to focus on the problem. These are only distractions. I've just given you the scriptures to prove this.

"Lord, we don't have enough to eat. Lord, we don't have enough clothing." He said not to worry about these things. Worrying will not get it done. "But I am worried about what is going on in our nation." Is that going to change it? Is your worrying going to impact and change these things? "I am worried about what congress is going to pass next week that will affect my life." Will that change it? No! It is a distraction from what God is calling you to do!

So, what does the Lord tell us to do? He wants us to turn to Him. 'But if I turn to Him they will eat me for lunch.' No, they won't. ***Submit to God, resist the devil*** and what is the devil going to do? He will flee from you. 'You're kidding. All this time I have been worried about him, staying up all night because of him and all I had to do was to ***submit to God, and resist the devil*** and he would have fled from me? You're kidding me! Why didn't you preach this years ago?'

You wouldn't have been ready. But now you can lay down that bottle! Now you can lay down the meth and the pills! You can lay aside the worry, the anxiety, and the stress and know them for what they are, distractions! Move your focus from them! He wants us to turn to Him and to trust His instructions.

***Convincing*** Christians that the problem or the mountain we face daily ***is just a distraction to keep us from knowing God and serving His purpose*** is the hardest part of a minister's role. To tell and ***convince*** a congregation, or a people, to ignore the distractions is the hardest part of a minister's role and that of a Christian's life. A distraction is meant to keep us from knowing God and serving His purpose, and has hindered the church from reaching new levels and new revelations in Christ. When the church learns to remain focused on Christ, upon the kingdom of God and His righteousness, we will see the acts of Jesus and the apostles manifested in the church again.

It is just a distraction. God had to teach this to me before I could teach it to you.

I have quit watching and focusing on the news. It has set me free from all the ominous stuff. (I'm not telling you to watch or not to watch the news, but watch this.) Have you noticed, if you watch the news, they are always going to talk about what is ***about to happen***. They are always talking about ***the threat***. I can't get

around people and not hear about the news. Why? It has impacted their heart and thoughts and if it is in them it is going to come out.

The media are always going to talk about 'the threat'. Why does the media try to influence the nations of the world, every day, with 24/7 coverage, and to convince us that the threat is real? It keeps it going. It keeps it in our focus. It breeds fear, doubt and keeps us in its grip. That is exactly what the distracter wants. He wants to keep the focus off of God and His righteousness and on fear.

Did you know I cannot get you to do things voluntarily, but I can get you to do things out of fear that you would never do? Satan knows that. He says I can't get you to volunteer to sin against God but I can scare the heebie-jeebies out of you and get you to do it. And that is exactly what is going on right now.

Jesus said if it were possible even the elect would be deceived in the last days; if it were possible. What I am writing to you now, by the Spirit of God, is your lifeline to overcoming the deception that is in the world now. The threat causes fear to come into the hearts of the people and it makes them doubt God and turns their hearts from God. This is what is happening in America. Don't listen to it.

You mean if I turn it off and listen to what God is saying that I will be saved? Yes. Are you saying God wants us to reach America, the souls that are lost in America, instead of fixing the government? Yes. He said if we will take care of His work He will take care of our devils.

Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about *your life*, what you will *eat*, nor about *the body*, what you will put on. *Life is more* than food, and *the body is more* than clothing." (Luke 12:22-23)

Why do you worry about these things? Can you change them by your worrying?

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV): 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Be anxious for nothing but *in all things rather give thanks to God.*

Lies have no power; nonetheless, when we believe them, they will have the authority to affect us negatively. When we believe them we will then suffer the consequences of believing the distracter, Satan, the father of lies. However, when we come to the knowledge of the truth, it will expose any lies that we have believed as truth, and it will set us free from the grip of being deceived.

**John 8:31-32 (NKJV): 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

He said to those who believed Him. Do we believe Him? Do we abide in, stay in, His word and act upon His word as if it was true? If we do these things then He says we are His disciples. If we abide in His word and abide in Him, then the Truth sets us free from doubt, fear and bondage.

Whose report do we choose to believe? Man's report or God's report?

As for me and my house, we will believe the Lord's report over the media's and over men's. We will boldly proclaim His word and say, "Thanks to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ! The Lamb has prevailed and You have caused us to triumph over our enemies! We are more than conquerors through Him who died for us!"