While we’re going down this path, we might as well address the over eating issue: Proverbs 23:2 says, And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. Have you ever noticed how happy your flesh gets when it gets to eat?

Some people become intoxicated over food. They’re a slave to their food addiction to the point they can hardly even leave their house without feeling uncomfortable. If this is you, start taking Colossians 1:13 and start claiming you’re delivered: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: Start saying, in Jesus’ Name, I keep under my flesh. Get the Charles Capps book called, God's Creative Power will Work for You. You will find a good confession over your flesh in that book.

It is important that you deal with this, because your flesh can get so fat that it will affect you spiritually. The point is you can’t even get on your knees and pray. Satan will cause you to become immobile. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:27, But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

If you eat too much, you’re not keeping the flesh under. You’ve picked up a spirit of gluttony. It’s going to affect your health and you’ll get so you can’t even go to meetings, because your body can’t sit for too long. Your whole life will be governed by what you’re going to eat today.

Christians are so fat and uncomfortable today, that they’re not really interested in doing anything beyond watching television and eating. If you’re in this situation, you go to God and His Word about it. If you don’t deal with it, you’re going to reap what you sow. If you sow of the flesh, of the flesh you’ll reap corruption: For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6:8

Quit ignoring the problem and lose the weight. Give your flesh the test. Tell your flesh it’s not going to eat what it wants to eat. People can get so heavy, they can’t even stand and worship
God in church services. But thank God, we’ve got the Name of Jesus and victory over the flesh. Our bodies hate to be told no. But any flesh out of control is headed for destruction.

**Don’t Listen to the Wrong Voice!**

The reason some believers are in the mess that they’re in is because they’re experiencing a Jonah dilemma. They’re not going to get out of their mess until they speak up for God and say what He wants them to say. When you don’t tell people the truth of what the Word says, Satan will tell you that was real good of you – at least you didn’t offend them or hurt their feelings – or whatever lie he can get you to believe. But if you want God’s anointing, you’d better speak up!

Many ministers have lost their anointing because they began to compromise the message for fear of repercussions. Some have even lost their very lives – they died prematurely without finishing their course. Why do you think the early church and Paul prayed for boldness all the time? Boldness brings on God’s power. – But it also attracts the attention of the devil to bring on persecution.

Disobedience quenches the Spirit. And, not sharing God’s Word isn’t something that Jesus would ever do! If you love people, give them the Word. They may get offended, they may not. But don’t back down! Satan is always, all your life, going to do everything he can to keep you from sharing the Word.

The same voice that said you don’t need to be saved and that going to church was enough when you had people witnessing to you that you need to be born again, is the same voice that tries to persuade you that you don’t need to pray every day, and that you don’t need to tithe. It is the same voice that’s always going to try to persuade you not to do what God tells you to do.

Satan brings temptations. He makes things appear to look good. This is where people get deceived. You’re always going to be tempted by Satan. But we have to resist the temptation, no matter how strong it is. If you’re married, he will tempt you with somebody else. If you’ve been delivered from anything, such as alcohol, lust, pornography, or any kind of addiction, he’ll always try to put it back on you.
Resisting Satan’s temptations is one of your primary responsibilities, as a believer. This is why some people never leave their church, or denomination. Satan will tell you not to leave your denomination, not to leave that cold, dead, doubting, unbelieving church, and when you plan on going somewhere to go and hear the Word, he’ll work on you all day long not to go. Don’t go to a church that makes statements such as: “God doesn’t always heal, God’s going to heal you someday.”

If there’s not a church in your area that teaches a bold message based on God’s Word, start praying one in. Do not tolerate a little bit of doubt and unbelief, because that little bit of leaven will affect you (A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump Galatians 5:9). Guard your spirit man...protect your heart from any evil influences, doubt and unbelief, as well as compromised messages. If your pastor is a people-pleaser, he’ll never tell you the real truth.

You have to learn that Satan is after you every moment of the day. It is your responsibility, just like it’s my responsibility, and every born again child of God’s responsibility to resist the devil, and not give the devil any place. Satan will work on your emotions and your feelings, and if he has his way, you’ll never completely do what God wants you to do. This is where people lose the protection of God and the curse overtakes them.

Just read Deuteronomy 28 the next time you’re tempted to not do what God wants you to do. When you’re tempted to sin and disobey the leading and guidance of the Holy Ghost, or not do the Word, ask yourself the question, Do I want to take the chance of having these curses overtake me? God has purchased the blessings for us in Deuteronomy 28:1-14, but He emphatically warned us that if we do not obey Him, the curse will overtake us (Deuteronomy 28:15 - 68).

When Satan entices you to go your own way, do your own thing, or act your own way, he is never going to inform you that by disobeying God, he has legal access to attack you like he did Adam and Eve. He killed them. Disobedience to God is usually the number one reason why a person ends up suffering sickness and disease, has an accident, or doesn’t get their prayers answered.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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