

GUARD THIS MAN

“BUT I WAS TOO BUSY HERE & THERE”



A Lesson On
Personal
Responsibility

1 Kings 20:35-43

2016

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The beginning of each year brings into focus the need to reflect upon -
Where we've been? -
Where we are? -
Where we are going?

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1 Kings 20 - Context

20:1-9. Ben-Hadad & 32 kings place Samaria under siege.

20:10-12. Ben-Hadad makes an oath – swearing to utterly destroy Samaria

20:13-22 God delivers the army of Ben-Hadad into Ahab's hand ~

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1 Kings 20 - Context

20:23-30 – Ben-Hadad attacks again – & again God delivers the Syrians into Ahab’s hand ~

20:31-34. Ahab makes a treaty with Ben-Hadad.

20:35-43. The Lord sends a prophet to Ahab to reveal his folly – The prophet pronounces a curse on Ahab and Israel.

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³⁵ Now a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor by the word of the Lord, “Strike me, please.” And the man refused to strike him. ³⁶ Then he said to him, “Because you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, surely, as soon as you depart from me, a lion shall kill you.” And as soon as he left him, a lion found him and killed him. ³⁷ And he found another man, and said, “Strike me, please.” So the man struck him, inflicting a wound.

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³⁸ Then the prophet departed and waited for the king by the road, and disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes. ³⁹ Now as the king passed by, he cried out to the king and said, “Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and there, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said, ‘Guard this man; if by any means he is missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.’”

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⁴⁰ While your servant was busy here and there, he was gone.” Then the king of Israel said to him, “So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it.” ⁴¹ And he hastened to take the bandage away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets.

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⁴² Then he said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Because you have let slip out of your hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.’ ” ⁴³ So the king of Israel went to his house sullen and displeased, and came to Samaria.

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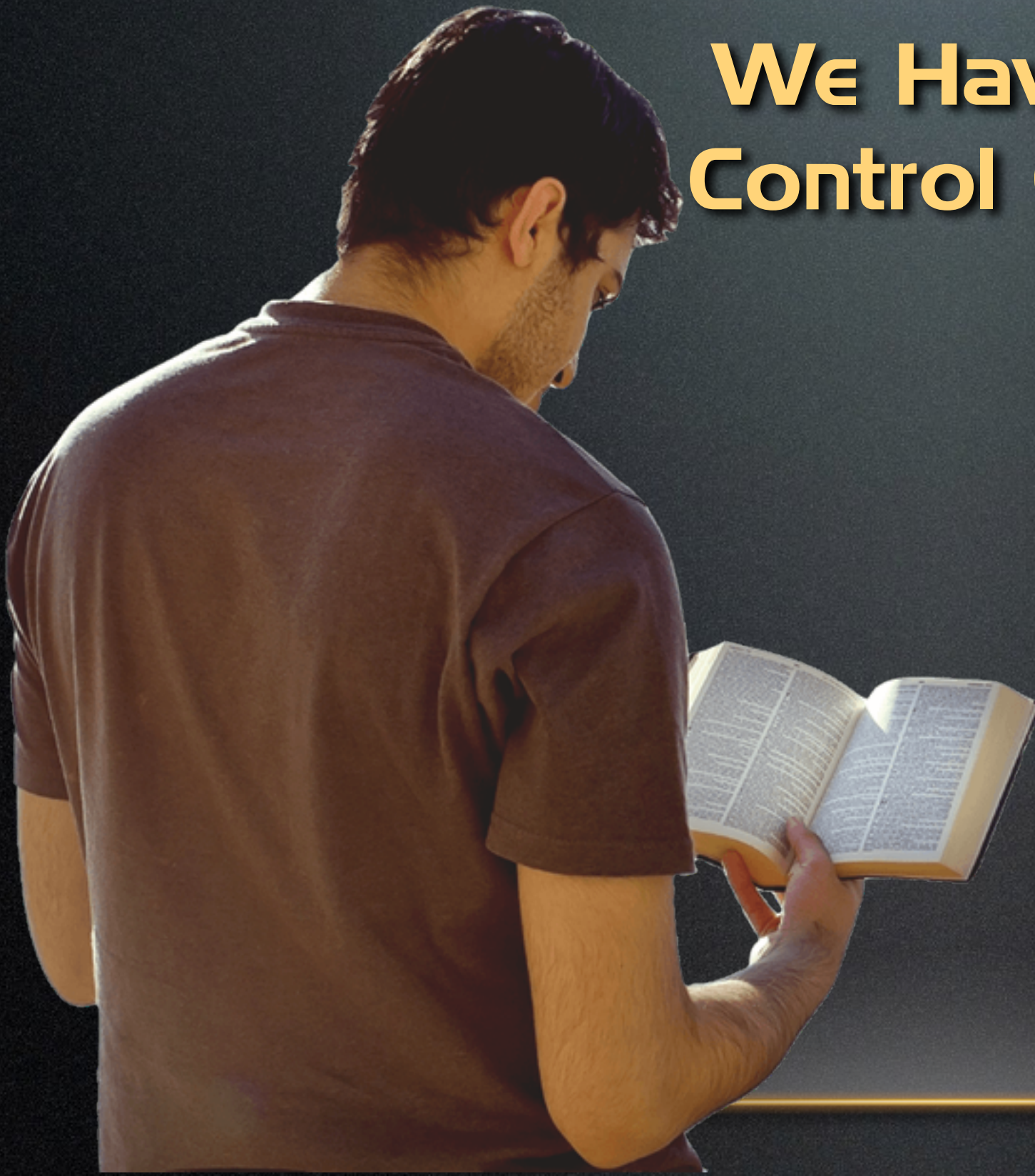
- We are all “STEWARDS”
- We are PERSONALLY responsible for the things & people God has placed in our lives.
- We can EASILY be distracted from fulfilling our duties - (Mat 13:20-22; Heb 12:1,2)
- There is GREAT DANGER in not dealing decisively with our spiritual enemies! - (1 Sam 15:33; Mat 5:27-30)

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**We Have ONLY LIMITED
Control Over Many Things!**

- Our Circumstances –
- Our Environment –
- Our Health –
- Our Abilities –
- Our Opportunities –
- Our Past or Future –



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MYSELF

**Things Over Which I Have
COMPLETE CONTROL**

➤ My Purpose – Dan. 1:8; Act 11:23

➤ My Attitude – Phil 4:8-13

➤ My Values – Mat. 6:33

➤ My Goals – Phil 3:14

➤ My Behavior – 1 Pet 1:13-17

➤ My View of the Past & My
Spiritual Future – Phil
3:12-13



GUARD THIS MAN MYSELF

- My Salvation – Acts 2:37-40; Phili 2:12
- My Self Discipline - 2 Cor 13:5; 1 Cor 9:27
- My Obedience – Rom 6:16-19
- My Worship – Jno 4:24; Heb 10:25
- My Deeds – 1 Cor 9:25
- My Thoughts – 2 Cor 10:5
- My Attitude – (Pride or Humility; Selfish or sacrificial; Discontent or content; Envious or joyful . . . etc.)

A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a purple t-shirt, is seen from the side, looking down at an open Bible he is holding with both hands. The background is dark with a subtle light gradient.

MY CHARACTER
MY REPUTATION
MY SALVATION
MY INFLUENCE

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MY SPOUSE



- Their Salvation - 1 Cor 7:16; 1 Pet 3:1
- Heirs of Life Together - 1 Pet 3:7
- Love Them - Eph 5:25; Titus 2:4
- Fulfilling My Role - 1 Cor 7:2-5; Titus 2:3-5; Eph 5:22-24

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MY CHILDREN



- A Heritage of the Lord – Ps 127:3
- Love Them – Tit 2:4; Rom 1:31; 2 Tim 3:3
- Responsible For Training Them – Gen 18:19; Eph 6:4; Prov 22:6
- Responsible For Restraining Them – 1 Sam 3:13; Prov 13:24; 23:13,14

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MY PARENTS



➤ Must Honor Father & Mother – Obey them - Ex. 20:12; Prov 1:8; 6:20; Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20

➤ Must Care For Aged Parents – 1 Tim 5:4-8,16; Mat 15:3-6; Mark 7:10-13

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MY NEIGHBOR



- Love Your Neighbor –
Mat 22:39; Mark
12:31; Rom 13:8,9
- Who's My Neighbor? –
Luke 10:30-37
- Must Love In Deed –
Not In Word ONLY! –
1 John 3:17-19; 1
Thes 1:8; Acts 10:24

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- Myself –
- My Spouse
- My Children
- My Parents
- My Neighbor

OR AM I TOO BUSY
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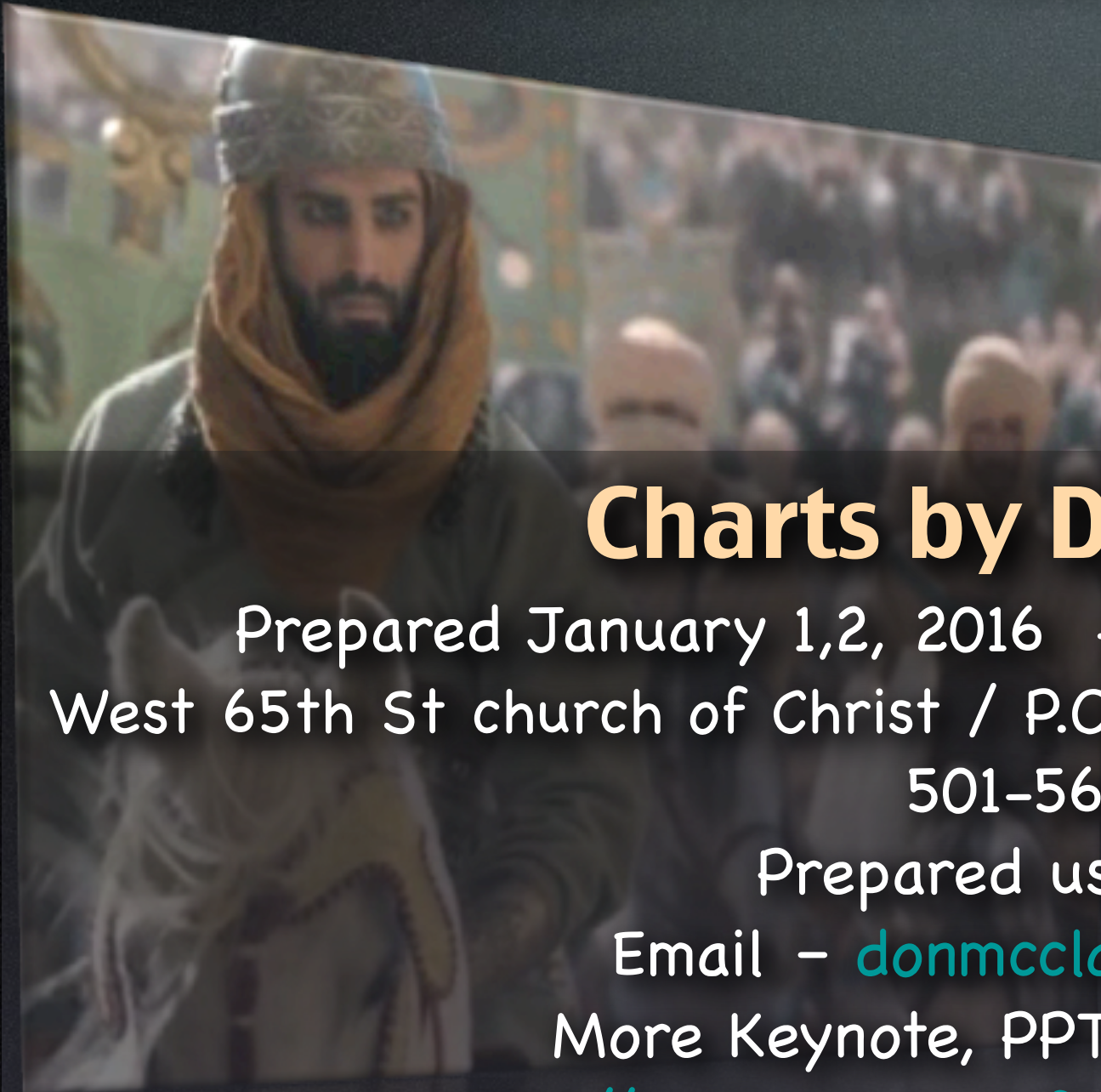
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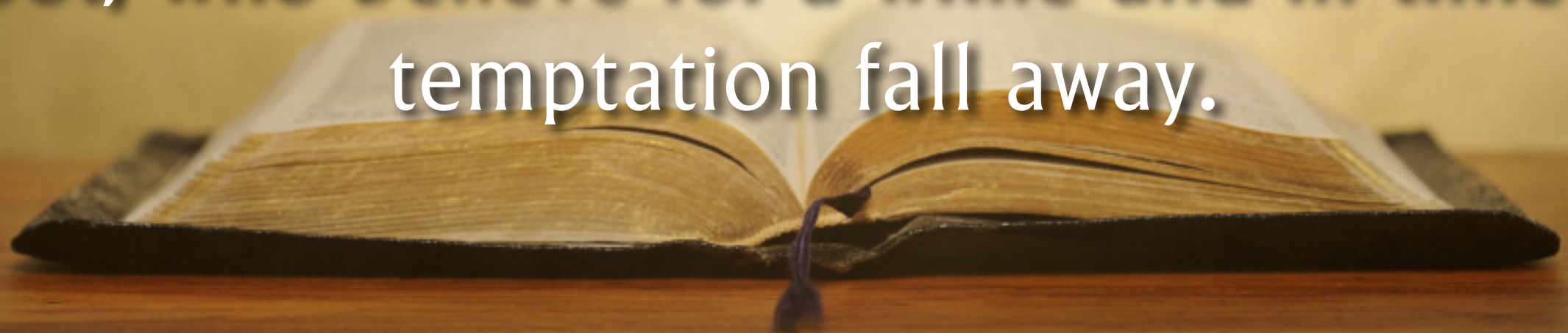
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LUKE 8:11-18 (NKJV)

¹¹ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³ But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.



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¹⁴ Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.



LUKE 8:11-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ “No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.



LUKE 8:11-18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”



