

Guard Your Faith

A close-up photograph of a knight in medieval chainmail armor. The knight's right arm, wearing a metal gauntlet, is visible, holding a sword. A large, dark, weathered shield is positioned to the right of the arm. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

1 Corinthians 16:13

(NKJV)

*13 Watch, stand fast
in the faith, be brave,
be strong.*

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Hebrews 2:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

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³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

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Luke 8:11-15 (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.

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Luke 8:11-15 (NKJV)

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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Luke 8:11-15 (NKJV)

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.

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Luke 8:11-15 (NKJV)

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.

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Anyone can lose their Faith?



- ◆ **A New Convert – 1 Cor. 10:1-6**
- ◆ **One Who Has Not Grown – Hebrews 5:12-6:8**
- ◆ **One Who Has Had His Faith Weakened – Rom 14:13-23**
- ◆ **One Who Has Strong Faith – Gal. 6:1; 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Sam 11**

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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.

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Ephesians 6:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Stand therefore, . . . ¹⁶
above all, taking the shield
of faith with which you will
be able to quench all the
fiery darts of the wicked one

. . .

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Deception - Rev 12:9

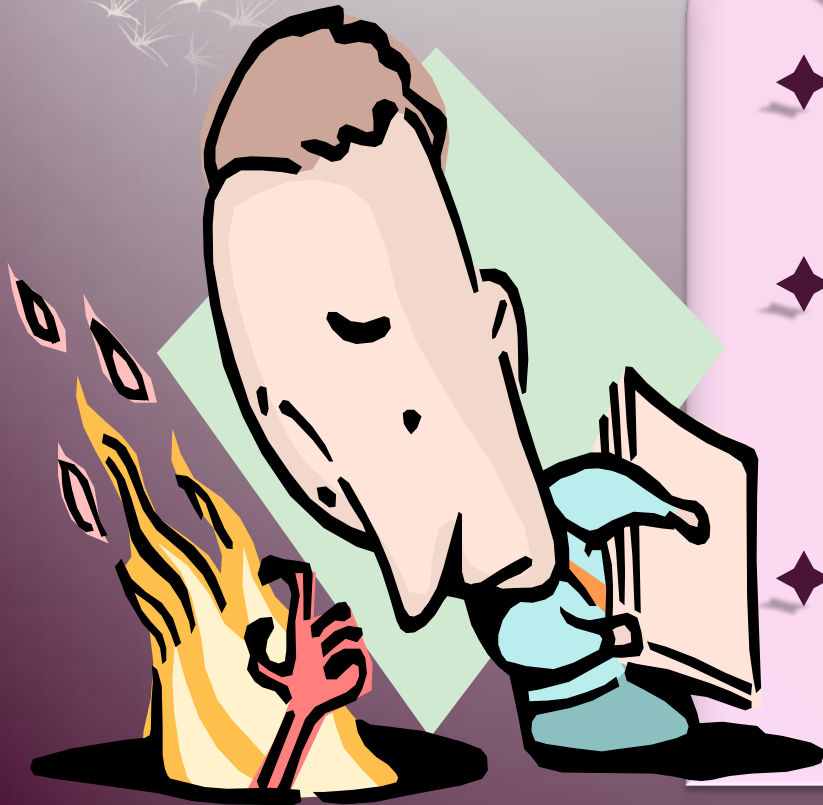
- ◆ **False Doctrine** – 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Pet 2:1-3; 3:17,18
- ◆ **False Promises** – Gen 3:1-6
- ◆ **False standards** – 2 Cor. 10:12
- ◆ **False Assurance** –
 - ❖ Influence - 1 Cor. 15:33; Ex 23:2
 - ❖ Past Faithfulness - Gal 5:7
 - ❖ Indestructible – 1 Cor 10:12

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Temptation - 1 Thes 3:5

- ◆ **To do evil** – to fulfill desires unlawfully - James 1:13-16
- ◆ **Things here and now / instant gratification** – Gen 3:1-6; 1 John 2:15-17
- ◆ **Must have faith to overcome** – 1 Pet. 5:9; 1 Cor. 10:13



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Hardship - Acts 14:26

- ◆ (Sickness/ Financial Strain/ Difficult Relationship/ Loss of a loved one/ Ridicule & Persecution / Consequences of Holy Living / Consequences of Sin/ etc.)
- ◆ Job; Romans 8; 1 Peter; James

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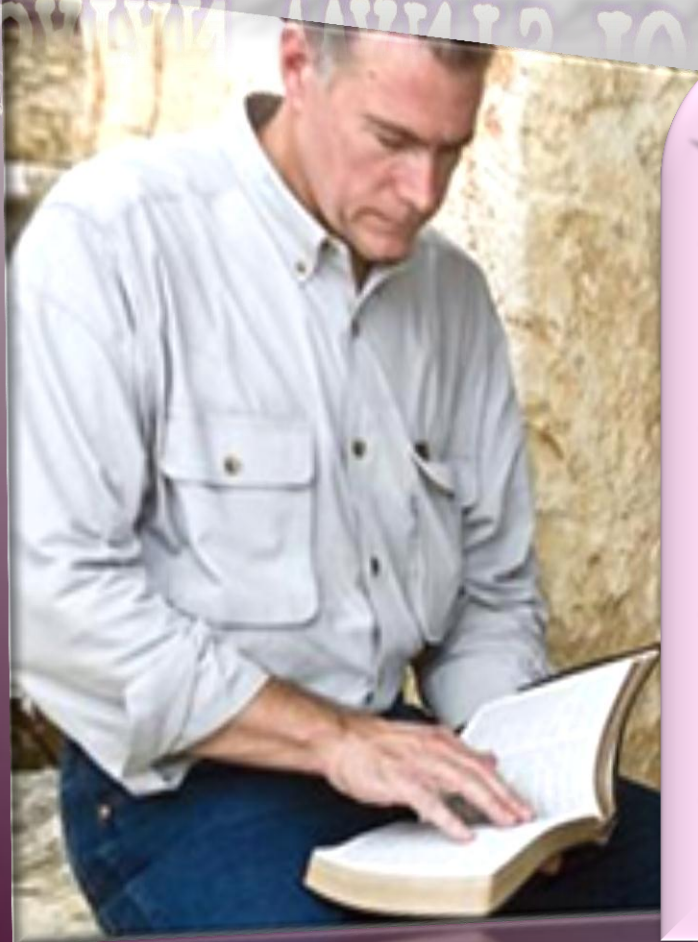


Abundance - Prov 30:8,9

- ◆ **Israel – Deut 6:10-12; 8:10-18; Amos 6:3-6**
- ◆ **Hard for a rich man to be saved - Mat 19:24; Luke 12:15-21; 18:18-30**
- ◆ **Love of money is the root of all evil – 1 Tim 6:9,10**

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Malnutrition - Heb 5:12-14

- ◆ Satan knows the power of God's word – Heb 4:11-13
- ◆ Tries to snatch the word away - Mat. 13:19; Acts 13:10
- ◆ Clutters our life with stuff - Mat 13:22
- ◆ Exchanges the truth with lie – John 8:44; Rom 1:25

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

John 8:32 (NKJV)
32 And you shall
know the truth, and
the truth shall
make you free."

Know The Truth

- Search for the truth
– Acts 17:11,12
- Abide in the truth –
John 8:31:32
- Inoculated from
error – 2 Pet 3:16-18

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

James 4:7-10 (NKJV)

7Therefore submit to
God. Resist the devil and
he will flee from you. 8
Draw near to God and He
will draw near to you.
Cleanse *your* hands, *you*
sinners; and purify *your*
hearts, *you* double-
minded.

Resist The Devil

1 Peter 5:9 (NKJV)

Resist him, steadfast in the
faith, knowing that the same
sufferings are experienced by
your brotherhood in the
world.

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

Romans 8:25 (NKJV)
25 But if we hope for
what we do not see,
we eagerly wait for
it with
perseverance.

Be Patient

- In doing good – Gal 6:9; 1 Tim 6:17,18
- Keeping our spiritual eyes on the goal – 2 Cor. 4:16-18
- Following the one who has made the way – Heb 12:1-3

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

⁶ *So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"*

Be Content

Philippians 4:11 (NKJV)

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: . . .

[13] I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

**2 Timothy 2:15
(NKJV)**

**¹⁵Be diligent to
present yourself
approved to God, a
worker who does not
need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the
word of truth.**

Study / Learn

- Giving ALL diligence to
continue growing –
2 Pet 1:5-10; Jam 1:22
- The more one learns.
The more one
understands – Eph 5:17;
Col. 1:9; Heb 5:12

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Satan Wants To Destroy Our Faith

Deception –

Temptation –

Trials –

Abundance –

Malnutrition –

How We Can Guard Our Faith

Know the Truth

Resist / Flee

Patience

Contentment

Study / Learn

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ARE YOU GUARDING YOUR FAITH



**1 Corinthians 16:13
(NKJV)**

**¹³Watch, stand fast in
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strong.**

- ◆ **We Need To Be Aware
That Satan Wants To
Destroy Us.**
- ◆ **He is a formidable foe! -
Ephes. 6:12**
- ◆ **We Need God's Help!! -
He has Given Us What
We Need - Eph. 6:10-18**

WE ARE HARD PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE,
BUT NOT CRUSHED;
PERPLEXED,
BUT NOT IN DESPAIR;
PERSECUTED,
BUT NOT ABANDONED;
STRUCK DOWN,
BUT NOT DESTROYED.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9



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Hebrews 3:7-19 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "*Today, if you will hear His voice,* ⁸ *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,* ⁹ *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.* ¹⁰ *Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'*"

Hebrews 3:7-19 (NKJV)

¹¹ *So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'* " ¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "*Today*," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:7-19 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said: *"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."* ¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses?

Hebrews 3:7-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.