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“Do not give the devil an opportunity.” – Ephesians 4:27

Be self-controlled and alert

“Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is on the prowl looking for someone to devour. 5:9 Resist him, strong in your faith, because you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are enduring the same kinds of suffering. ”

—1 Peter 5:8-9

“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.”

—2 Thessalonians 3:3

(John 17:15; James 4:7)

“Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do! ”

—2 Corinthians 2:11

Satan tries to control my perspective, manipulate my thinking and exploit my foundational desires.

Deception

- With total lies that have been dressed up to look like the truth.
- With lies that have been mixed in with the truth.
- With misrepresentations of truth because it has been taken out of context.

Temptation

- With sensual pleasures.
- With money and possessions.
- With fame and power.

Accusation

- By condemning me of past sins that have already been confessed to God and forgiven.
- By creating false guilt about things for which God does not hold me responsible.

Distraction

- With entertaining diversions.
- With strategic crises.

Affliction

- Through mental and emotional torment.
- Through physical illness and disease.

Discouragement

- Through hopelessness.

Doubt

- By questioning God's motives and character.

Division

- By focusing on differences in others.
- By being suspicious of the motivations of others.
- By harboring bitterness and unforgiveness toward others.
- By committing offenses against others or God.

Intimidation

- Through fear of failure.
- Through fear of rejection.
- Through fear of the unknown.
- Through fear of persecution.