

DISTRACTIONS CAN BE DEADLY

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*Every living being is involved in a battle for survival. After that comes the emotional needs such as happiness, love, peace, etc., but when there is no apparent struggle for life, then all the emotional pleasures replace the necessities. Modern thinking would have us believe that the 'present time' is the only real thing and all else is an illusion or a distraction. This is a very dangerous attitude, because it assumes that our natural pleasures of each day is the only thing that counts. Each living person also has a soul that needs to be kept alive, because we are dual beings. While most are busy keeping the body and mind alive and happy, those who are wise are taking steps to keep the soul alive. Only the knowledge of true salvation makes this possible. **2COR 10:4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (we no longer fight the same battle for survival and emotional comforts that the world does), but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; *God reveals the real battle and the best method to win it.**

*Ask God because he actually provides answers, not theories. **LUK 11:9** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. **10** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *This is made possible by the testimony of those who have already achieved spiritual status, through the **signs and power of the Holy Spirit.****

*Most people are distracted long before they even get to pray about the Holy Spirit. **MAR 4:4** And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the **fowls of the air** came and devoured it up. & **15** And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. *People allow themselves to be troubled by other interests.**

*Disciplines and wise choices are required before any success is possible... no matter what your goal is. **MAT 6:24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. & **31** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) **for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33** But seek ye **first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (*all our natural and emotional needs are catered for when spiritual growth is our main priority*). **34** Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. *God reminds us that every day has its own fair share of problems... thus seek him and he will look after them as needs arise... thus **GAL 5:16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (won't fall for distractions). **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. *Remain focused and the benefits will follow.***

*All humanity faces the same physical and emotional needs. **1COR 10:13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. *The difference for the wise in Christ, versus the distracted and the unsaved, is that God supplies answers the others cannot see.**

*Satan is dedicated to turning you away from God and his truth. **1PET 5:8** Be **sober** (clear of mind and purpose), be **vigilant** (permanently alert); because your adversary the devil, as a **roaring lion** (always distracting the senses), walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: *Always looking for those distracted from the great power and truths which God provides. **9** Whom resist* (not allowing natural obligations and interests preventing spiritual necessities from occurring) **stedfast in the faith** (continually in the centre of things... it is the people that wander around separately who get to become the kill), **knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.** *The whole world is facing the same distractions, not just us. However, it is the wise, the faithful and the doers of the word who avoid becoming victims.**

*This is the main purpose of the Lord's calling... eternal life for all who will make the effort to walk in the Spirit. **LUK 4:18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. *God has empowered us to make wise choices and compensates us spiritually, physically and economically for our service.**