

Do not Give the Devil a Foothold

Part 2

“²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.” (Ephesians 4:27)

As you humble yourself before God and show willingness, ask Him to reveal to you your sins and shortcomings then the LORD will show you and let you see sin in the way that God see it.

8- Grumbling: ***“And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.” (1Corinthians 10:10)*** Grumbling is keep complaining and arguing against people, authorities and against circumstances of life. Grumbling is sin because it is finally directed against God and not against people. People grumble against other because of money, food, position, authority, etc. The unwillingness of the people to accept and to comply with God’s will is the reason for them to grumble against one another. But this sin will bring God’s wrath and anger on them: ***“Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!” (James 5:9)*** Therefore, ***“¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.” (Philippians 2:14-15)***

9- The love of money: It is not wrong or sin to have money, but the love of money is sin and will lead you to danger, ***“⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” (1Timothy 6:6-10)*** To be content of what you have will bring you blessings and peace in your life, and will spare you troubles and falling into harmful situations. ***“Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. ¹¹ As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?” (Ecclesiastes 5:10-11)*** Therefore, ***“⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)***

10 – Coveting: Desires to have the things of others, ***“¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” (Exodus 20:17)*** Coveting will lead you to steal and do wrong things to possess what belong to others. But instead look to Jesus and be satisfied of what you have and He will shine upon your life and He will bless you, ***“Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.” (Psalm 34:5)***

10- Lust: Is sexual immorality and will lead you to adultery. ***“²⁷ You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matthew 5:27-28)***

11- Friends: ***“³³ Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” (1Corinthians 15:33)*** You need to be aware of your relationship with people. Regarding the

people with you in work places or people studying with you, you need to limit your relationship with them, only to be to the field concern. But after work and study, your fellowship should be with your family and with the brethren of the church.

All these above footholds and sin are dangerous for you and are the way for you to be destroyed by devil. For this reason this message is in your hand to help you to come out from all that and be ready to follow God’s help and blessings as you are willing to obey the following steps to get rid of Devil’s footholds in your life.

A- Recognize the foothold of Devil in your life: You have the above list that we mention and that will help you to see them, in addition sit with God and with His word and He will show you clearly other footholds that you may not be discern now in your life.

B- Admit them as sin: Some they call the above sins mistakes. But that is not correct because unless you accept them as sin then you will not be delivered from the work of Devil. To accept them as sin is that you realize that you need to repent and turn away from them toward God.

C- Write down in a small paper all the footholds of devil in your life and daily kneel down at Jesus’ feet and ask Him to cleanse you from them: As you daily praying and asking the LORD to remove these foothold in your life then you will find after a while that you are freed from many of the footholds that you are praying and asking God to remove from you.

D- Discipline yourself: Go into strict training and put your body under subjection, ***“²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” (1Corinthians 9:24-27)*** Do your best in that. Cut everything that may ignite sin and bring you into temptation that you cannot resist.

E- Change the atmosphere or the people that you are in contact with: Avoid friends, invitation to parties, facebook, TV, and everything that might causes you to be exposed to sin.

F- Ask help from Jesus: ***“Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” (Hebrews 2:18)*** Continue read and meditate on His word and pray to Him continually to help you and deliver you.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord reveals to me all my sins especially those that I am not aware of. Lord please cleanses from the following footholds _____ and give me the direction and the way out of all these sins. Lord truly I need your help, hear my cry and come and bring me up from the mire of sin. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*