

Be Sober

1 Peter 5:5-11

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 **(2) Casting all your care upon him;** for he careth for you.

(3) 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **(1) your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:** 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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Satan's job is to devour us. He cannot do it directly because he is not a lion. He does it through self-sabotage.

Devil: diabolos...

2. Casting all your care upon him

epiriptō - a compound word

- epi means upon or on top of something
- ripto means to throw or hurl. It has the idea a violently casting something.
- Being filled with care will weigh you down...
- When we are filled with care, we are full of pride.
- In this condition, we become critical and judgmental of others. All of a sudden, I know best and you are just wrong.
- Psalms 19:13-14 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous (pride & arrogance) sins; let them (pride) not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression (Heb. peša- rebellion, habitual sinning). 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

3. I Peter 5:8 **Be sober**, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

- **Be sober**, Gr. nēphō; not intoxicated, to be calm and collected in spirit; to be temperate, **dispassionate**, circumspect
 - Webster 1828: DISPASSIONATE, adjective
 - Free from passion; calm; composed; impartial; moderate; temperate; unmoved by feelings; applied to persons; as dispassionate men or judges.
 - **Not dictated by passion (as in your flesh being agitated by circumstance)**; not proceeding from temper or bias; impartial; applied to things; as dispassionate proceedings.
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How do you walk dispassionately, soberly and not drunk with care and bothered all the time?

MY THOUGHTS!!

- Colossians 3:1-4
If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 **Set your affection (phroneō-exercise the mind) on things above**, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
- Ephesians 5:14-15
Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye **walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise.
 - Circumspectly, Gr. akribōs (ahh-kree-bos) - exactly, diligently, perfect(-ly); it is the idea of walking in the spirit with wisdom and direction that can only come from God. His help makes us perfect.
- Galatians 5:14-21 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 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. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 13:11-14

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to **awake out of sleep (spiritual)**: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed (GET YOUR THOUGHTS OFF THE NATURAL). 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the **works of darkness** (anything not in the light), and let us put on the armour of light (the Word). 13 Let us **walk** honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and **drunkenness (pride/cares)**, not in chambering and wantonness, not in **strife (pride)** and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

- Romans 8:6-8

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Satan's goal is to make you a pack mule, weighed down with every weight and burden so that you cannot run the race and barely even walk.

Jesus never promised a cake walk...

- John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- Matthew 24:21-25 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before.

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- **Vigilant**, Gr. grēgoreuō; to keep awake, to watch, metaph. give strict attention to, be cautious, active; to take heed lest through ignorance some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one

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Satan wants our meditation be on that of the world and our circumstances which are temporary.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Acts 16:16-26

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, 20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, 21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. 22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.