

Be Sober Part 3

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.

1. your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour

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

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, **the messenger of Satan to buffet me**, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

James 1:13-15 (KJV) 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Devil: diabolos... -- buffet- strike and strike

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.

3. 1 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.

Romans 13:11-14

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to **awake out of sleep (spiritually speaking)**: 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.

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

- **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

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.

What Satan intends for evil, God is working for good.

Genesis 50:20

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Matthew 4:1-3

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Paul's Attitude:

Romans 5:1-3

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience.**

Patience, Gr. hypomonē- endurance, perseverance

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

To what end...?

- **Why do we go through this stuff?**
- **What is the purpose?**

1st of all, when you question everything that you are going through, the questions are often from a heart of pain/discomfort from the trial and from unbelief.

1. Isaiah 55:6-12 (KJV) 6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
2. Luke 19:17-22 (KJV) 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy

pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow.

Again, to what end?

2 Peter 1:11

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:4-11

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.