

WHAT TO DO WHEN THINGS TRY TO DRAW YOU AWAY

1. YOU MUST WATCH OUT FOR THE DRAW OF WORLDLY PLEASURES. (HEB 11:24-29)

- A. Moses refused to be called Pharaoh's grandson.
- B. He chose rather to suffer the reproach of being one of God's people.
- C. He denied enjoying the pleasure of sin for a season.
- D. He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.
- E. By faith he forsook Egypt.
- F. He endured looking unto Jesus.

2. YOU MUST GUARD YOURSELF AGAINST THE DRAW OF TEMPTATIONS THAT WORK ON YOUR OWN LUSTS. (JAMES 1:12-16)

- A. "Blessed is the man that endures temptations ..."
- B. Never blame God, for He doesn't tempt anybody.
- C. Every man is tempted when he is drawn away.
 - 1) Drawn away from the Word of God.
 - 2) Drawn away from church leadership.
 - 3) Drawn away from the congregation.
 - 4) Drawn away from spiritual living.
- D. We are drawn away by our "own" lusts.
 - 1) You must get a grip on your own lusts and keep your flesh under subjection.
 - 2) Fasting and making no provision for the flesh will help you keep your lusts under control

3. VAIN (EMPTY) AND CORRUPTED PEOPLE WILL TRY DESPERATELY TO DRAW YOU AWAY. (2 PETER 2:18-20)

- A. They will speak great swelling words of emptiness.
 - 1) "You're great." "You're important." "Come over here." "Follow us." "We'll receive you the way you are."

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B. They allure through the lusts of the flesh.

1) "We will give you a position." "We will promote you in the ministry." "We will give you . . ."

C. Those who were and are clean escaped from those who lived in error.

4. NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT YOU ARE FREE FROM DEALING WITH THE COMMON THINGS. (1 COR 10:6-14)

A. One of the major problems among some is that they think they are above dealing with common things.

B. You are only tempted in that which is common (not unusual) to man.

C. If any man **thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall.**

D. God sovereignly does not permit you to be tempted above that which you can handle.

1) Whether or not you handle it is totally up to you as well as how you handle it, but God puts a ceiling on the pressure applied.

E. With every temptation God makes a way of escape so you can bear it.

5. PURPOSE NOW TO BE A CLEAN PURGED VESSEL OF HONOR. (2 TIM 2:20-22)

A. Even in God's house there are two kinds of vessels.

B. Vessels of dishonor = Those who are of the carnal nature who are constantly trying to put new wine in old wineskins. They can't be stretched, so they are constantly breaking. They end up a disappointment to Christ and a shame to His body.

C. Vessels of honor = Those who are of the spiritual nature, who constantly purge themselves so they are flexible and stretchable to receive the new wine without cracking or bursting.

D. You must learn to purge yourself from the old nature, ways, attitudes, emotions, friends, and habits so that you can handle the responsibilities of the promotions of God.