

“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;” Hebrews 11:24 KJV

No matter what pleasure tempts our lusts, we must flee! *“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”* We are not to resist temptation, but to flee from it. This is why God's Word must fill our thought life. How do you flee a thought? By quickly thinking another. Instead of asking, “What's wrong with it?” We should ask, “What's right with it?”



If I flee to Christ, *“the Way, the Truth (God's Word), and the Life,”* I then have power to resist. *“Submit yourselves (obey) therefore to God. (then you can) Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”* I resist Satan through my proximity to Christ, God's Word! Jesus said, *“Without Me ye can do NOTHING!”* The bully is no threat when Father stands beside me! Satan does not fear you, but he fears your fellowship with Christ which is why he so desperately and incessantly strives to distract you from it! If he can interrupt your reading and meditation, he will. He'll use whatever he can from noisy kids to an emergency. He'll plague your prayers with whispers of anxiety and anger. He'll tempt you to eat the wrong things, knowing they will cause you discomfort later, to stay up too late, or to buy on impulse what you cannot afford or do not really need. It requires complete and utter trust of God's Word through implicit obedience thereto, to resist the plethora of fiery darts, evil thoughts, flung at us hourly! Obedience is not I HAVE TO, but I MUST DO! If you can talk to someone while you work, you can pray while you work for prayer is just talking to God! *“Pray without ceasing!”* If you can make plans in your mind while you work or play, you can meditate on Truth! *“Meditate therein day and night!”* Only then will you be able to *“refuse by faith”* the temptations that woo you away from your protection and Provider! *“Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you! The carnal (disobedient) mind is enmity against God. Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?”* Do you believe God or not? With God, it's all or nothing! You cannot hold one whit back and expect either His favor or His blessings on your life! Satan will, however, chain you to evil with prosperity and mock as your soul dies! All that glitters is not gold! Have you caught the baubles and missed the blessing?

Through faith the righteous can resist,
Though Satan's hordes with guile persist,
Protecting us upon the sod,
Til we behold Almighty God! ~CGP

Satan wants you to focus on what you don't have to tempt you to covetousness which will make you miserable, stealing the peace and power you possess through faith! *“As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God!”* Would you lay down your pistol in a knife fight? If you forsake your faith for sinful pleasure, that is exactly what you are doing! It will cut your soul to the quick!

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the LOVE of money (not money) is the root of ALL evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”
1 Timothy 6:6-10 KJV