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ACCESSING BIBLICAL WEAPONRY AND USING IT TO DEFEAT TEMPTATION

Every Christian deals with temptation, but God has given us weapons to fight and defeat temptation!



- ▶ A classic definition of a **weapon** is: a thing designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage.
- ▶ **Spiritual weapons** are what God has given the believer to use.
- ▶ **Spiritual weapons** are designed specifically to fight against the spiritual forces of darkness and the Enemy.
- ▶ For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, (*principalities are levels of demons or the presence of demonic activity*) against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. *Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)*.

What is a **spiritual weapon**? The Bible says...

*For the **weapons** of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. **2 Corinthians 10:4 (KJV)***

I can** do all things through Christ which strengthened me. **Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

ANSWER

The Believer.

A Believer is one who has received into their hearts. the truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, resulting in a new creation.

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QUESTION
WHO HAS ACCESS
TO BIBLICAL
SPIRITUAL
WEAPONS?

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WHY DO WE NEED TO ACCESS SPIRITUAL WEAPONS, WHEN JESUS ALREADY DEFEATED SATAN AT THE CROSS?

- ▶ All Believers operate from a place of **victory** because of the finished work of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Satan who is our enemy does not want you to live a **victorious life**.
- ▶ We need to **access spiritual weapons now**, so that we can fight against the lies of the enemy.

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF SPIRITUAL WEAPONS?

The Full Armor of God **Ephesians 6:10-17**



THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:10-17

"... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.



Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)

Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)

Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)

which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

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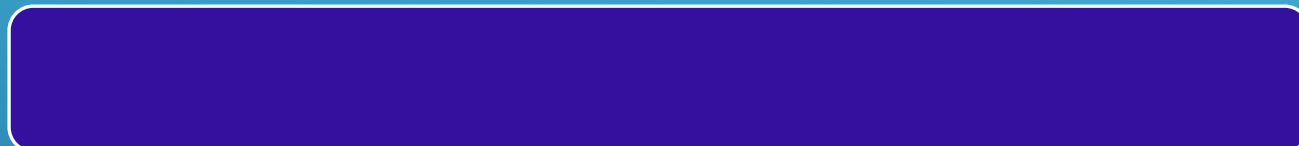
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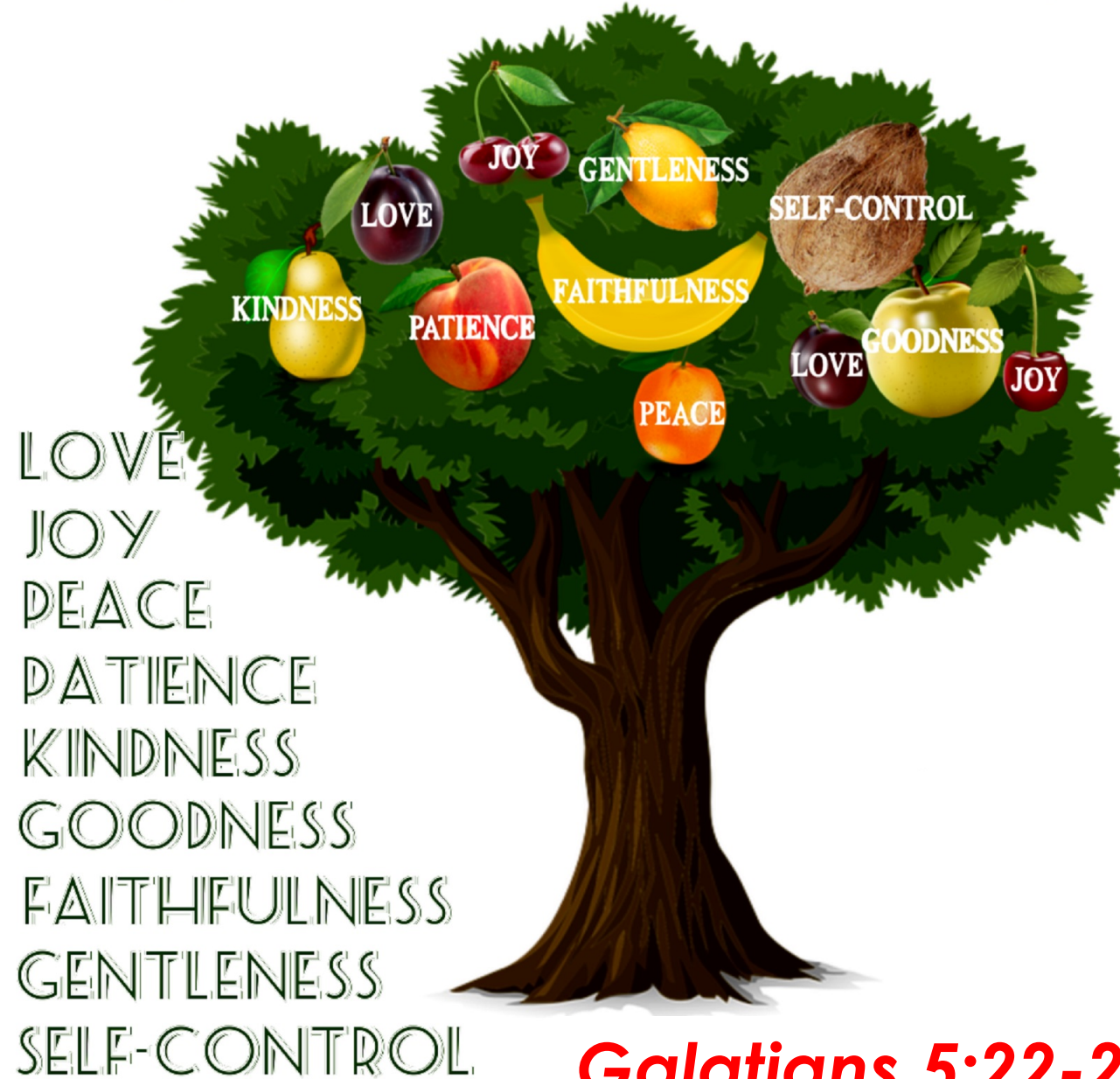
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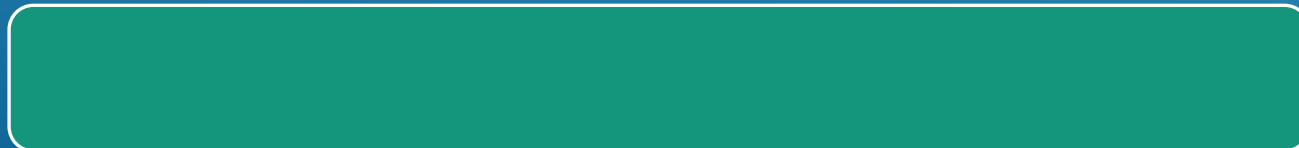
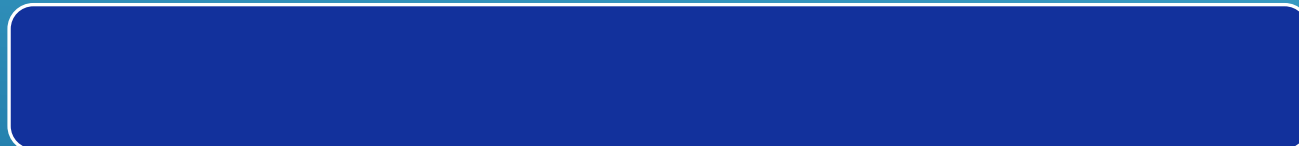
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Power *of your* Testimony

And they overcame him by the blood
of the Lamb, and by the word of their
testimony... *Revelation 12:11 (KJV)*

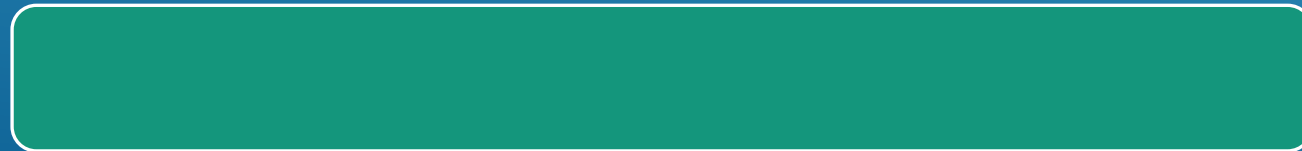
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Prayer

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)

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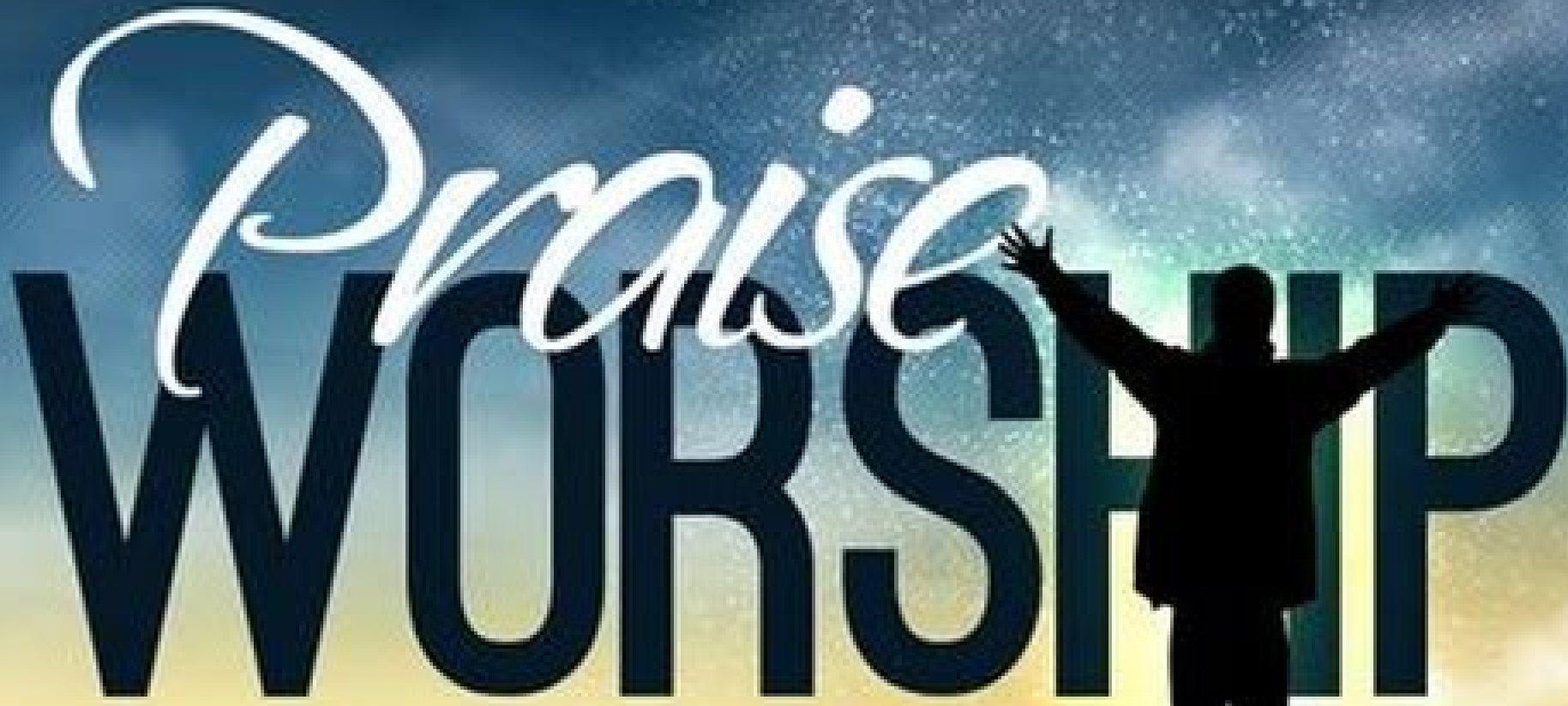
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Praise WORSHIP

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. *Psalm 18:3 (KJV)*

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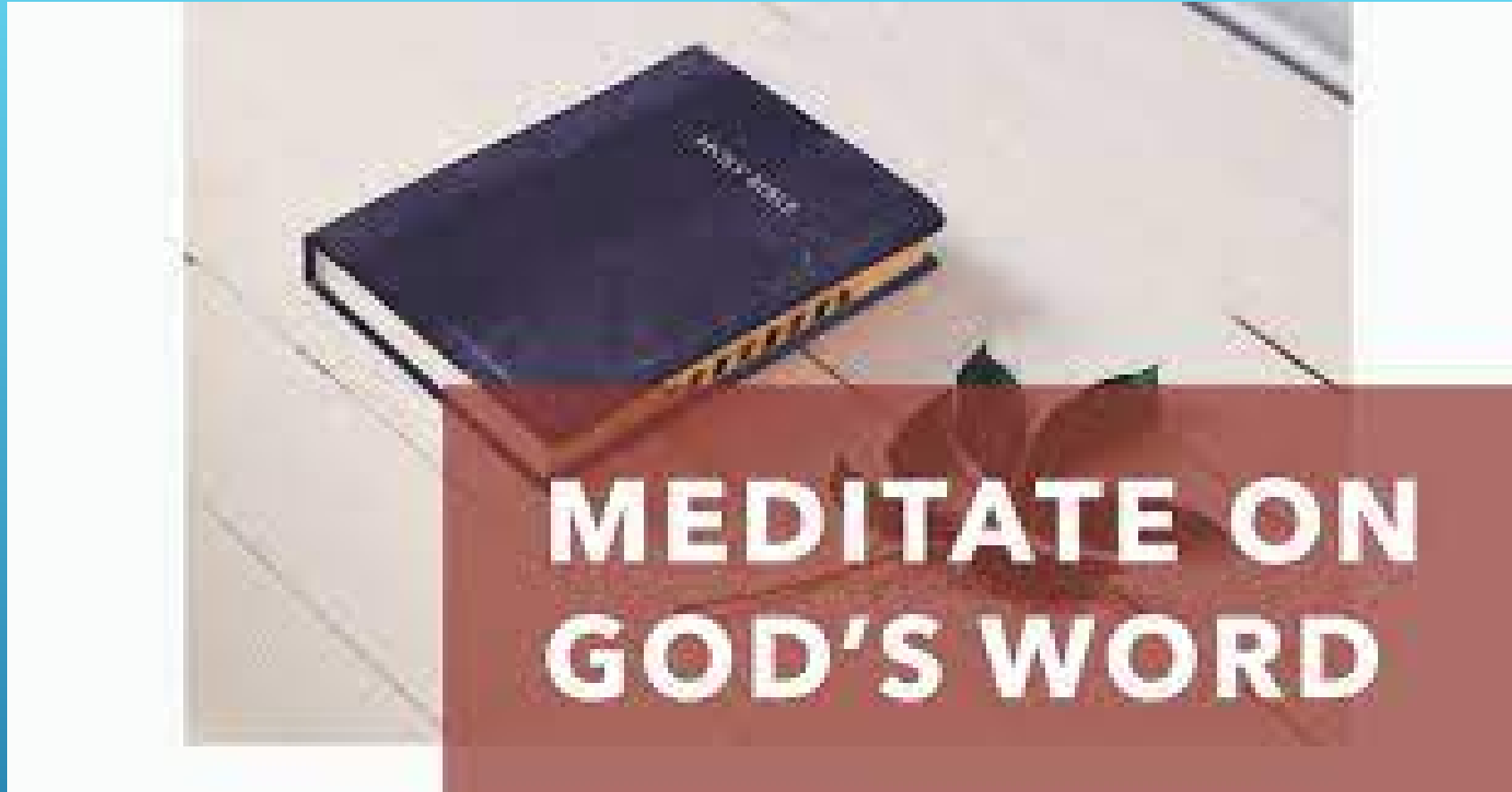
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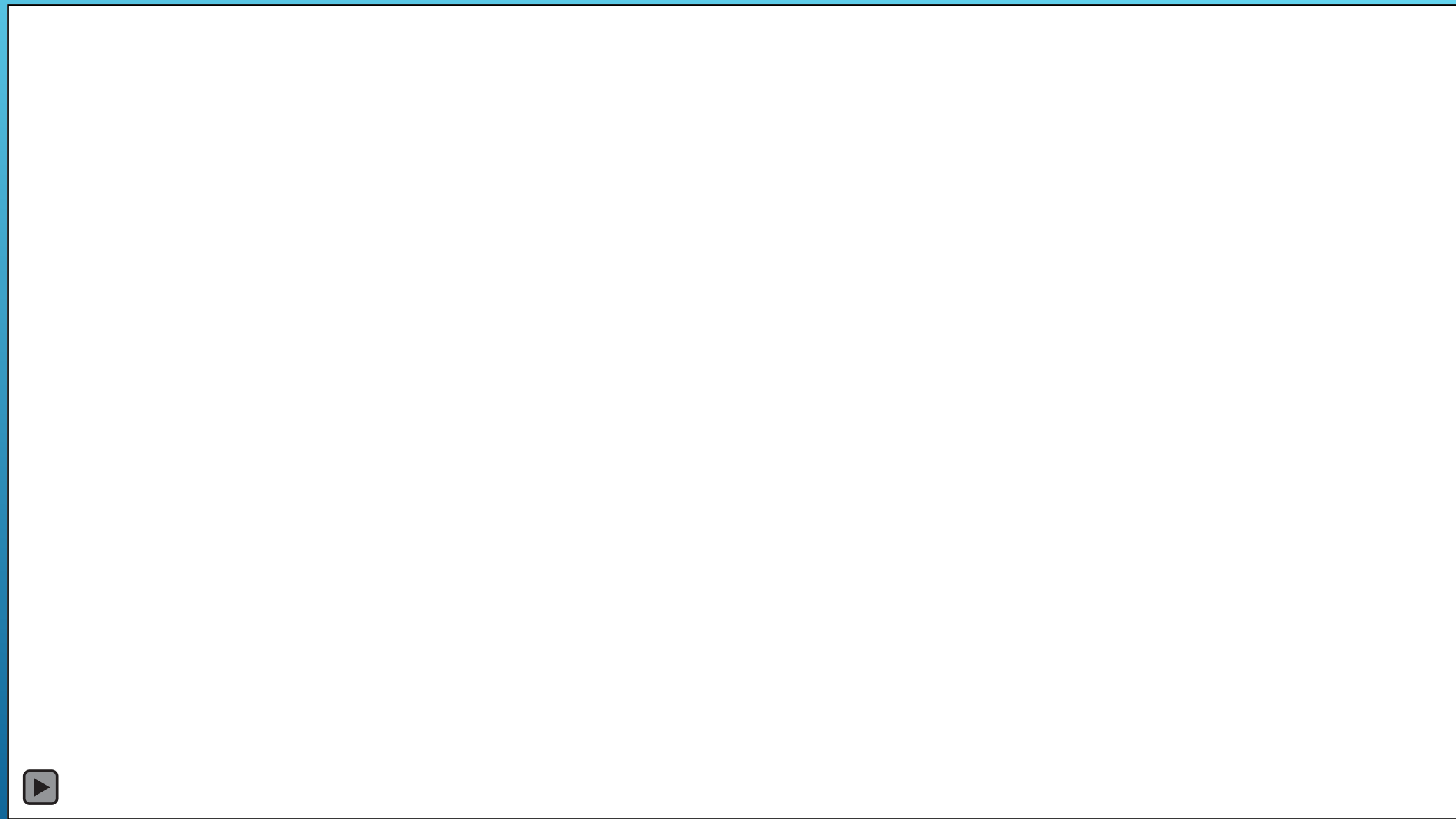
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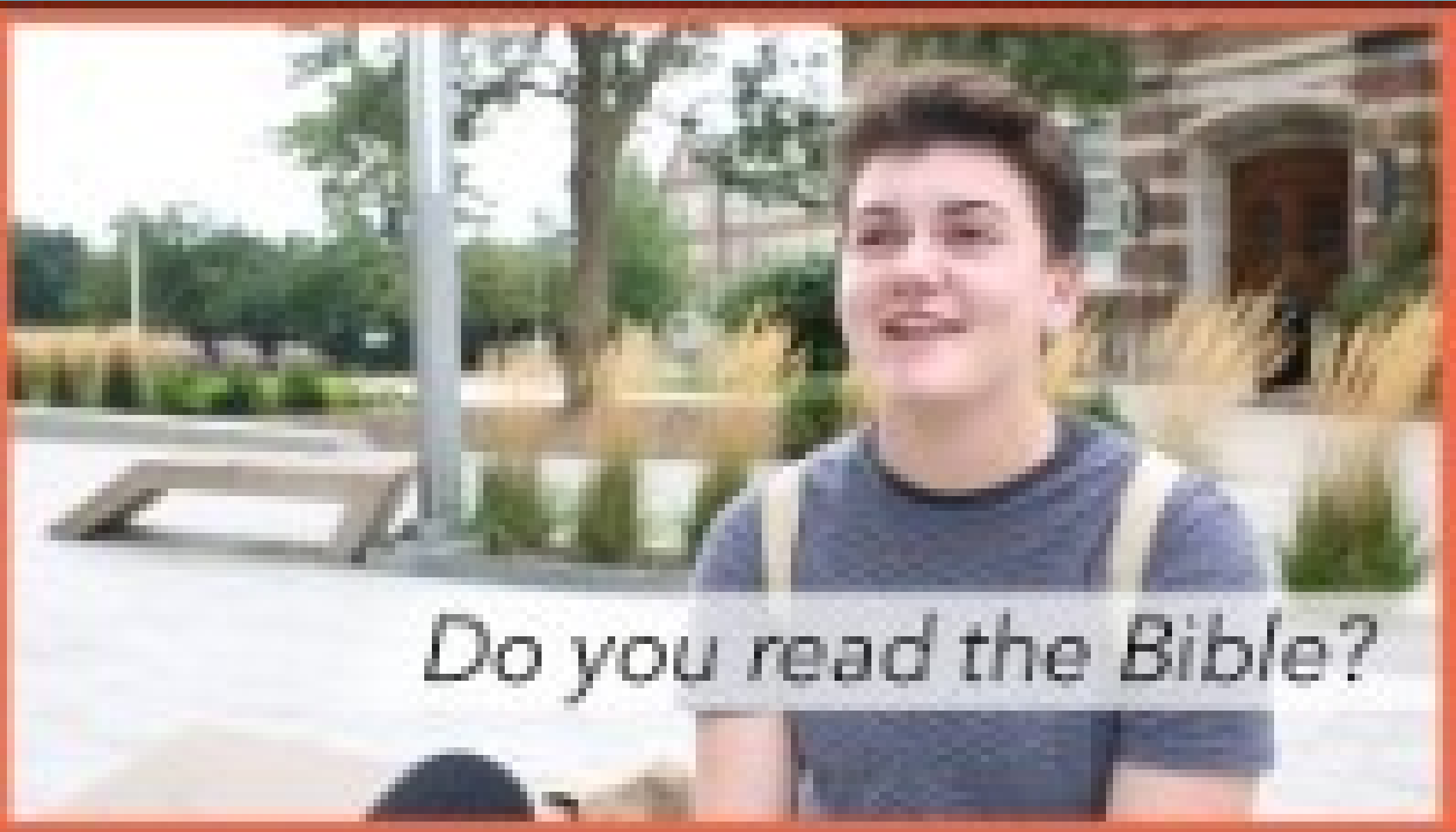
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But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. *Psalm 1:2-3 (KJV)*





Do you read the Bible?



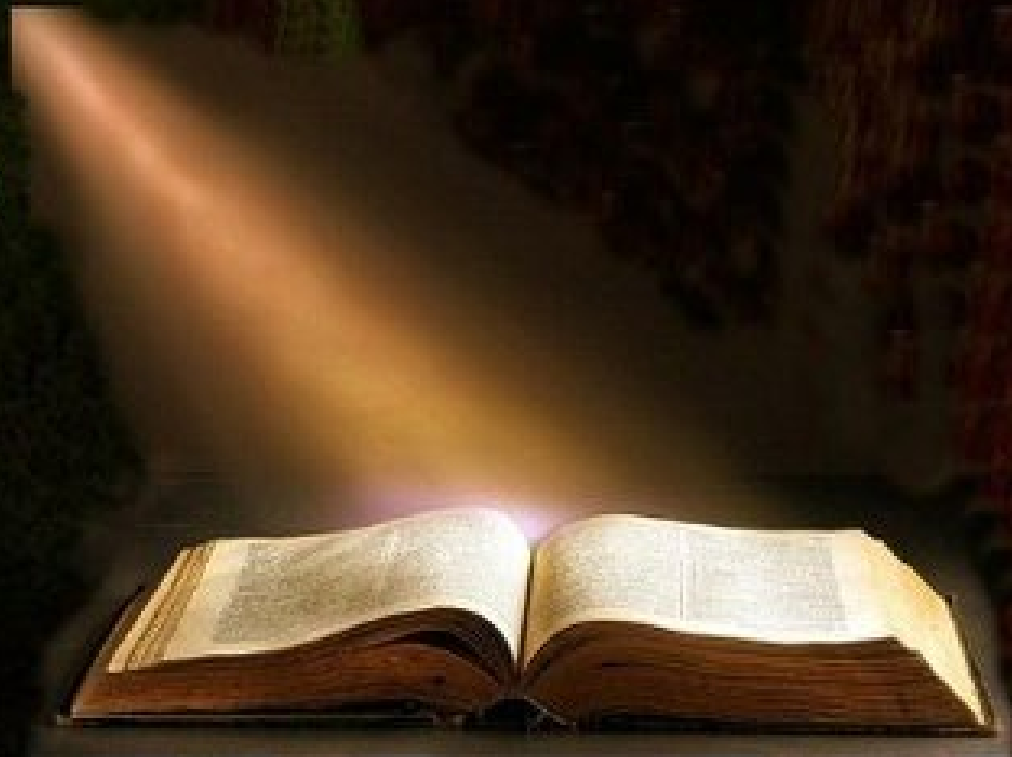
Why should you read the Bible? The Bible says...

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. **1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV)***

*But he answered and said, It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. **Matthew 4:4***

THY WORD IS LIKE
A LAMP
UNTO MY FEET AND
A LIGHT
UNTO MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105





MY STORY OF READING THE BIBLE

How reading the
Bible everyday
changed my life



- ▶ The Bible is the only offensive weapon in the Full Amor of God that Paul talks about in Ephesians 6:10-17.
- ▶ **Special note:** The Bible is not to be used as a weapon against other Christians.

THE BIBLE IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS A BELIEVER CAN USE TO DEFEAT TEMPTATION!

WHAT IS A
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WHAT DOES
THE BIBLE SAY
ABOUT
TEMPTATION?

- ▶ A **temptation** is an enticement (a lure) that leads you away from the will of God.
- ▶ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And **God is faithful**; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

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- ▶ ¹³ When **tempted**, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but **each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.** ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.
James 1:13-16 (NIV)





HOW DO I WIN THE FIGHT AGAINST TEMPTATION?

To win the fight against
temptation do what
Jesus did!

The Bible says...

JESUS IS TEMPTED IN THE WILDERNESS
Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

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⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.””

The Bible says...

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⁷ Jesus answered him, *"It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"* ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, *"Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"* ¹¹ *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*



TODAY IS THE DAY TO BE ARMED AND READY TO FIGHT TEMPTATION

Prior proper planning prevents poor performance

STEPS TO DEFEAT TEMPTATION

1. **Plan your attack.** If I told you this Saturday, I was coming over to your house to kick you in the leg, **what would you do?**
2. **If possible, literally run from the temptation** (Joseph literally ran away from Potiphar's wife) **Gen. 39:11-12.**
3. **Start your day in prayer.** Ask God to help you put on the full Armor of God **Ephesians 6:11-17.** Also, ask God to help you defeat temptation.

STEPS TO DEFEAT TEMPTATION

4. Find scriptures you can use to attack the devil and temptations when they come and speak them out loud or speak them to yourself. **Psalms 23:1**
5. **Read the book,**
“Automatic: Defeat Temptation with An Automatic Biblical Response”

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