

THINK, SAY, HEAR, SEE AND DO

1 Corinthians 10:12 ... "...let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

In our previous devotional, we discussed temptation and quoted from 1 Corinthians 10:13. Today we step back one verse and focus on the message of verse 12.

Several years ago, on this page, I shared a personal prayer that I recite nearly every day. It is a very simple but profound request I make of God: "Lord, I pray that everything I think, everything I say, everything I hear, everything I see, and everything I do today will honor you."

In reality, I am not asking God to make those things happen. What I am doing is acknowledging to God that I desire to honor him, even though I am weak and tempted. I am confessing to God that my frailty and my probable route to sin and spiritual failure is through my thoughts, words, ears, eyes, and actions. In confessing these things, I am turning up the volume of the Holy Spirit's still, small voice that is spoken to protect me when confronted with temptation. I am confessing my need for a Savior, guide, protector, and intercessor – every single day.

God gave us the ability to think, speak, hear, see and act for the purpose of living and serving him. Those are the primary skills we need to work, earn income, provide for ourselves and our families, and treat others properly. They are also the skills to serve God. It is no accident or act of evolution that you and I possess those skills. They have a purpose. But satan knows that if he can convince us to use one of these skills to disobey God and turn away from righteousness, he can score a point for his team.

I urge you to include this simple but powerful commitment in your daily prayers. When you do, it will remind you that God is able through His Holy Spirit, to help you avoid satan's snares. Pray these words every day. You may think you have full control over these skills to keep them from being abused by satan. But your control is limited and it will fail. Only the Holy Spirit can come alongside you and help you fulfill your desire to honor God. Start your day off right.

Pray: "Lord, I pray that everything I think, say, hear, see, and do today will honor you."

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