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In Jesus name

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1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

James 1

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Every good thing that we have or are, is given to us by our Father in heaven. Whether we have much or have little, God says that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. We live in the world and there are many evil things in the world that are not from our Father. The devil is very subtle and a very sneaky deceitful liar. He will tempt us with every lust and desire in our hearts. He will always try to draw us away from the love of God and from loving God. And he does this by tempting us to love something else more than we love God. If we love something else more than we love God then we break the first commandment that Jesus gave us. Anything that is more important to us than our relationship with God is therefore an idol. An idol is a tool satan uses to take us captive. satan does not care what we love more than God, as long as he can get us to do it. Then he can use that idol to lead us away from God. Because we love that idol more in our heart, satan uses whats in our heart to deceive us. God must be **first** in our heart ----- **all of our heart!**

Mark 12:30 - And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

If our awesome God is first in our hearts and we love him with all our hearts, ----- then other things may be in our hearts ----- but absolutely nothing will be more important to us than our relationship with God. Once again, if something else takes top place in our heart, then that thing, or lust, or desire, or gift can be used by the subtlety of the serpent to cause us to disobey the Holy Spirit and Gods word. And how? because we love that thing so much that **IT is more important to keep that thing, than it is to obey the truth. It will cause compromise of the truth and thus it becomes a trap, a net, a snare, and a pit to us. The devil will constantly**

lure us to love the things of this world above the things of the Spirit.

Exodus 34

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:

We are created in Gods image, we were created for God to dwell in, to be his temple, to be his people, to be with him eternally. God is a jealous God, he does not want to share his temple with any demon(false god), he does not want to share his children with satan and the rest of the multitude of the kingdom of darkness that wishes to lure each of us away from Him to destruction.

Revelation 4:11 - Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, **and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:

God clearly does not want to share his temple with demons, idols, false gods. Jesus died to set the captives free. **We were created for Gods pleasure**, for Him to enjoy, so that we could bring him glory, the lover of our souls who loved us so much he sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross so that we could escape the captivity of our idols, to set us free from those devils that dwell in our flesh holding us captive to **them. To their lusts. To the things the things of the world. The things the world has taught us to love and want and lust for and desire. We are born again. We are not of this world, this world will pass away. We are born again, we are not of this world anymore and the lusts of the world, we are the temple of the living God and our hope is completely in Him. We live in the world, but we are sojourners and just passing through. Our hope is in heaven and is spiritual but the physical world can still captivate our hearts. And that is exactly what satan tries to do. Hold us captive to the things of this world. He wants to take our soul.**

1Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you as strangers and pilgrims*, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Ephesians 2:3

Among whom also we all had our conversation **in times past** in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Philippians 3:20

For our conversation **is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Matthew 16:26

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

The world now has nothing to offer us. It is physical ---- it will pass away, all of it. ----we are born again in the spirit and our eternity will be in our new spiritual body. Nothing we have here will have any importance to us there. The state of our soul is very important. Our hearts

must let go of the world and the things in it. Nothing in it go's with us. We must die to the world and the world must die to us. We now live to God. We live to what is eternal. The body of Jesus is eternal. Our brethren are eternal. The body of Christ is eternal. We love Jesus, we love his body, we love each other! In the Spirit and in the truth! We must consider the state of our soul as infinitely important. The state of our heart. God looks at our heart. He is not fooled, --- as men are, with what we pretend to be. We cannot fool God. He even knows our thoughts.

1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING THAT IS IN OUR HEART. We must live this life in this world knowing that God knows everything that passes through our heart, and every decision and judgement that our hearts make. A heart full of grace and mercy and love ---- **sows** ---- grace and mercy and love. We are at liberty to sow grace mercy and love into our lives. It is in our heart though. Not in what we pretend to others. God knows our heart. Don't be deceived, men can be deceived. God cannot. He is the truth. He knows.

Psalm 139

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. **3** Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways. **4** For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

God longs for fellowship with us, he longs to bring us into the image of his Son Jesus. He made us to be able to spend eternity with him, so that he can enjoy his creation (us). He sent Jesus to free us from the captivity of this world, and the things in it. The things in this world are not going to be there, in eternity. Only those who are in Jesus will be there, those who abide in him. God wants to dwell in us. He doesn't want to share us with the world. The FALLEN WORLD. The world that fell when Adam and Eve sinned and allowed satan to corrupt it. The world is full of corruption and sin.

God wants to get the world out of us, sin out of us, and the love of the world out of us. He wants a clean temple to live in, not a dirty demon filled temple, filled with all of satan's trinkets and baubles and lusts. The Lord wants our souls to leave the love of this world behind like a filthy unwanted rag, and set our love on him. Above the love of ourself. Above the love of a wife. Above the love of a child, a mother, a father. If we put God in our hearts above all these things, this world no longer has anything to draw us away. satan has nothing left to use against us. We must put God first, then our wife/husband and brethren. If we cannot do this we have made them an idol and **God in his love** will show us this, so that we can be free to love him with all our heart. So we can be free from the power of deceit and sin.

1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

John 12:25 He that loveth his life **shall lose it**; and he that **hateth his life in this world** shall keep it unto life eternal.

We now love the life that is eternal in Jesus Christ. The things of this world are fading from our hearts as being unimportant by comparison. Our old man, the flesh, wants to hang on. But we will crucify that old man as Jesus did, and cast out every demonic stronghold that causes us to cling to this world. We are battling for our souls, to rip it out of the control of devils. Don't give place to the devil, by allowing idols in our heart! **ANYTHING THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN GOD IS AN IDOL. And is dangerous to us. Cleanse our temple from all idols! The cleaner our temple is, the closer the relationship with God will be. The temple does not cleanse itself.** We must remove idols and clean our temple as the Holy Spirit leads us into the truth about what has exalted itself in our heart. **We must be doers!** Ask God to show us idols. Then ask Him to help us remove them. And **choose** to remove them. Repent, resist, force the devil to flee.

Matthew 16 **26** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?** or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? **27** For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

If Gods temple (us) is full of snakes, scorpions, serpents and other foul beasts, why would he want to dwell in us. He is Holy. There is no darkness in Him. Why would our heavenly Father want to dwell in the mud with the Pigs. satan is cast out of heaven, and God is not going to let him back in. And since we are destined to be with God for eternity, in heaven we can't expect to take a bunch of filthy devils that we have chosen to allow to dwell within us ----- to return to heaven with us. **We cannot keep idols!**

We must remove these idols from our lives. We must remove these devils from our souls. We must evict all false gods from our land(our soul) and make our temple fit for The Holy Living God.

The God of Light. The God of Love. In Him is no darkness at all. And if we are to be in him and he in us then the darkness has to leave us.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 2:16

For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

If we lust and desire things that we don't have, we are being deceived by satan. If our flesh makes us feel compelled to lust and to want and to desire, we are being deceived by devils and ourselves. We are looking at the world and not at an eternal life/Hope in Jesus. We therefore if we continue to give into to these things, are not obeying the truth. We are allowing evil to dwell within the temple of God. We have made this thing an idol. The simple fact that we choose to keep it despite what the Word tells us about these things, means it has become an idol.

Disobeying what we know is true means that this idol is more important to us than God. If we love God with all our hearts, we will obey Him rather than please our lust and desire (our flesh). If we choose our wants rather than to obey God, we show part of our heart is taken captive by satans deceits and by our own selfish needs and lusts. Our temple is still defiled.

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1 Corinthians 3:17

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

Titus 1:15

Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

We must not lean on our own understanding. The very nature of deceit means that we are deceived and so we do not understand. That is why we must **trust the Word of God** and the guiding of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth. We do not remove every idol and devil from our flesh all at once. It is a walk. Bit by bit, glory to glory. To remove idols can be painful, some have been with us for a long time. If we go to fast, if we go ahead of the Holy Spirit, we may become overwhelmed and may end up worse off because we cant hold the ground against these demon nations that indwell us. We need to listen and work with the Holy Spirit. Let him lead us. As we read the Word, the bible, the Holy Spirit gently and lovingly shows us anything that is an idol. We don't let the devil make us feel condemned about it, we simply choose to repent of making this an idol in our heart and turn to Gods grace to free us of its hold over our heart or mind.

Luke 11:24 **24** When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. **25** And when he cometh, he findeth *it* swept and garnished. **26** Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

If we go too fast and haven't fully let an idol go from our heart, ----- if we give the devil any place to tempt us again with the same thing, after we have given it to the Lord and let it go. If we allow it back. That devil will return and it will be worse. We can't remove these idols in our own strength, we do it by faith, by choosing to let it go and asking God to fill that place in our heart. If we do it in our own strength and the devil finds a way to tempt us back to it ---- we are worse off.

1Peter1 **7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: **8** Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: **9** Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

If the devil tries to tempt us back to our idols and we struggle with it, we have faith ---- we have Jesus ----- we have victory. We ask God for help and for strength. We bind that devil that is tempting us and command it to go to the Lord for judgement. We resist ----- it must flee. It may try to return a number of times. Try to tempt us. Speak to our minds. God will test our resolve to prove how much we love him. The devil will try to tempt us back so he can dwell and fulfill his own lust through us.

If we walk in the Spirit, the Spirit will guide us to take back our soul/our land, a bit at a time and we will be able to hold the land that we have taken. In Gods strength and not our own.

Deuteronomy 7:20-26

20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and **hide themselves from thee**, be destroyed. **21** Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible. **22** And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, **lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee**. **23** But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed. **24** And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. **25** The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God. **26** Neither shalt thou **bring an abomination into thine house**, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

When we set our will against these idols, when we choose to forsake them for the Love of God, ----- God will come against them and drive them out. He has also given us power to command them out, they are under our authority and under our feet. All our Father is waiting for is for us to choose, with the free will he has given us. To choose the truth and forsake the lies. To agree with his word. The truth will set us free. If we **do** the truth. Choose to forsake idols and **ask God to show us our idols and then repent and turn from them and forsake them, for the Love of the Holy eternal God. One at a time from glory to glory. As the Holy Spirit shows them to us.**

Luke 10:19

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

From glory to glory removing the devil and **our** and/his lusts and idols and everything that is not in agreement with the truth, from the temple. Gods temple. satan uses this world and the things in this world including those closest to us, to lead us astray. Obeying God must be first in our hearts to avoid deception. Obeying the truth keeps us safe.

Romans 1:25

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and **worshipped and served the creature** more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Every good thing we have is given to us by God. And one of the most subtle idols can be those closest to us. satan can use our love for them.

Luke 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

What does this mean? Does it mean we must hate our father and mother and wife? Why would Jesus have said this? It is because we can make them idols. We can love them more than we love God. More than we love the truth. If we do, then we give satan a foothold. Our spouse can be used by satan to lead us to disobey God and to obey what they want instead. If we want to please our spouse more than please God. If we are scared of upsetting them and want to keep the peace, rather than obey God and what we know God wants. If we are fearful of upsetting them and having them angry at us. satan will use this, if he can, to get us to compromise on what we know God wants us to do! If we love our wife/husband more than God, if having her/him and pleasing her/him is more important to us than having God and pleasing God then she/he is able to lead us astray and away from God. We all are being transformed into Gods image. This means we still have devils leading us astray either dwelling in ourselves, ----- or in our spouse or family or friends. The truth sets us free. If our wife or father or mother is leading us to do things that are not according to truth ----- and we follow them to keep the peace, the devil is deceiving us through them. If we listen to them or the devil working in them, through deceit and follow them instead of what we know to be truth, we have been snared. A very dangerous idol, because we love them. To be safe, we always have to have God first in our hearts. Then this snare will not work for satan.

1Timothy 6: 6-16 **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. **9** 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. **10** For the love of 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.

Life is eternal. Eternal life is not of this world it is from above. Our hope is not in this world or the things in this world or the lusts of our flesh. Our hope is in God, our faith is in God. Our love comes from God. God is love. God is in heaven. The world is full of sin. Do not desire what the world offers. It offers death. Idols in our hearts offer only death.

1Corinthians 50-57 **50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **51** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **55** O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? **56** The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. **57** But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been given the victory. We have every promise that we need to win this

victory, in the Word of God. We don't just look at the promises, we walk in them, we claim them by faith. We use the power given to us over the devil to destroy his kingdom, his lies, his deceits. We read the truth and then discard the filthy lies of the world, the things that **seem so important**, are actually not important at all if they have no eternal significance. It is all a lie to keep us from our destiny with God. What can seem so so so important is very often just a deception because we are short sighted. Don't look at this world. Look at life with Jesus. Life with God. Love.

2Peter 1 **3** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4** 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.

These things are eternal, they bring us into to image of God.

2Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Proverbs 3 **5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own understanding.** **6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. **7** Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

If we lean on our own understanding and pridefully think we know better than God, we will be deceived. Trust God. God is love. He cannot lie. He wants a temple made without hands, human hands. He made us. His word instructs us.

Mark 14:58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

God created us to be his temple. We did not create ourselves. He created us to enjoy. We are made in his image. May our temple be made clean.

Lord God, we pray that you show each of us any area of our lives that is not given over to you. We pray for a pure heart, a heart that desires you above all other things. We pray for strength to depart from anything that has exalted itself above you in our hearts. We pray your desires are made our desires and that your will become our will, that we are able to discern every evil deception and lie. We ask for the faith and strength and grace to completely clean up your house, your temple your body. We thank you God and know that when two or more agree that you are in the midst and that your hear our prayers.

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