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**Anchored: Standing Firm in a Changing World**

**HOW TO ESCAPE DETERRENCE**

**1. Renew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***The LORD can always be trusted to show mercy each morning. Deep in my heart I say, “The LORD is all I need; I can depend on him!”* Lam. 3:23-24 (CEV)**

***Each morning you listen to my prayer, as I bring my requests to you and wait for your reply.* Psa. 5:3 (CEV)**

***If serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve… as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.* Josh. 24:15**

***Then Jesus said, “Anyone who wants to follow me must put aside his own desires and conveniences and carry his cross with him every day and keep close to me!”***

**Luke 9:23 (LB)**

**2. Define \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Remember this—the wrong desires that come into your life aren’t anything new and different. Many others have faced exactly the same problems before you. And no temptation is irresistible.*  1 Cor. 10:13a (LB)**

***Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.* James 1:14 (NLT)**

***You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can’t stand up against it, for He has promised this and will do what He says. He will show you how to escape temptation’s power so that you can bear up patiently against it.* 1 Cor. 10:13b (LB)**

***Be delighted with the Lord. Then He will give you all your heart’s desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and He will.*  Psa. 37:4-5 (LB)**

**3. Pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***If we are God’s children, we will receive blessings from God together with Christ. But we must suffer as Christ suffered so that we will have glory as Christ has glory.***

**Rom. 8:17 (NCV)**

***Anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live right will have trouble from others.* 2 Tim. 3:12 (CEV)**

***You have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him.  We are in this struggle together.*  Phil. 1:29-30 (NLT)**

***Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his* *sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him.* Phil. 3:8-9 (NLT)**

***Those who try to hold on to their lives will give up true life. Those who give up their lives for me will hold on to true life.***

**Matt. 10:39 (NCV)**

**4. Fight \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***People can know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and escape the world’s filth. But if they get involved in this filth again and give in to it, they are worse off than they were before.*  2 Pet. 2:20 (GW)**

***We all share in Christ if we keep till the end the sure faith we had in the beginning. This is what the Scripture says: “Today listen to what He says. Do not be stubborn as in the past when you turned against God.”* Heb. 3:14-15 (NCV)**

***Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you.*  1 Tim. 6:12 (NLT)**

***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* 2 Tim. 4:7 (NCV)**