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## **DEFEAT BOTH ENEMIES WITH THE WORD OF GOD (PART 3)**

Dear Chosen One: Today, I want to give you some words of wisdom. The book of Hosea Chapter 4:6 says, **“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”** So here are ten spiritual nuggets to help you grow.

1. If you want to change your actions, you must first change the way you think. As a child growing up, I used to hear my mother say, **“words and thoughts have molding power.”** King Solomon in Proverbs 23:7 says, **“For as [you] think in [your] heart so [are you].”**
2. The company or friends that you associate with will determine your potential. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, **“Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’”**
3. Do you know that you may need strength to do certain things, while you only need faith to trust God? Proverbs 3:5-6 says, **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”**
4. Things and people were not created to be worshipped. Therefore, when you worship things or people, they become idols. Exodus 20:5 says **“Don’t worship or serve idols of any kind, because I the Lord, am your God. I hate my people worshipping other gods.”**
5. Oftentimes, just to fit in with the crowd, you may lower your values or disregard your beliefs to appease others. Don’t do it! Take a Stand! Uphold Truth and stand on the Rock-JESUS. King David says in Psalms 18:2 **“The Lord is my Rock, my fortress, my place of safety. He is my God, the Rock I run to for protection. He is my shield; by His power I am saved.”**
6. Don’t promise anyone anything that God does not promise but promise them everything He *has* promised in His Word. 2 Corinthians 1:20 says, **“Yes to all God’s promises in Christ. And that is why we say ‘Amen’ through Christ to the glory of God.”**
7. Love is an action word, so try to start doing little things in love. For example: The next time someone asks you for something and you have it, give it in love. Do good to those who hate you and treat them with love and love those whom you consider your enemies. In Luke 6:27-28 Jesus says, **“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.”**
8. Your Soul has eternal value, and the devil wants to destroy it. The devil doesn’t care about your money, your religion status, or accomplishments, as long as you don’t make any commitments to trust and obey God. He knows that once you accept Jesus as your Savior and you have a personal relationship with Jesus, your soul is protected, and you are destined to spend eternity with your Savior. So, he [the devil] cannot claim it. John 10:10 Jesus says, **“The thief does not**

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come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I [Jesus] have come that [you] may have life, and that [you] may have it more abundantly.”

9. If you want your words to move God, you have to use His Word to move Him, and it will accomplish more than yours. When God spoke to the prophet in Isaiah 55:11, He clearly stated **“So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the things for which I sent it.”**

10. As children of God, you and I cannot stop people from telling lies about us, we can't stop them from gossiping about us, we can't stop people from hating us and we cannot stop the devil from shooting his poisonous arrows at us. Why? They are out to destroy our Christ-like character and reputation. Just remember God's words in Isaiah 54:17, **“No weapon formed against you shall prosper. And every tongue which rises against you in judgement you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me, says the Lord.”**

People of God don't waste your time fighting your enemies in the flesh when you have a more powerful weapon-the Word of God. Use it!

I also need to remind you that Faith is the main element in your everyday life. When you use Faith, your physical challenges become experiences and your ordinary decisions become more productive and Christ driven.

Faith is a gift that was given to you from God. However, in order for your faith to manifest, you must apply action and stand firm in your beliefs. The Scripture gives us an idea how Faith works: In James 2:14-26 it says, **“What does it profit, my brethren,**

**if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it [benefit]? Thus, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, it is dead...”**

My brothers and sisters if you are not operating in faith, you need to activate your Faith and start using it. Go before God and confess that you have neglected to use your gift and ask the Holy Spirit to assist you in your Faith journey.

On the other hand, if you are operating with limited Faith and you are looking to increase it, go boldly before God and ask Him to increase your faith. However, keep in mind, Jesus says, **“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required...”** (Luke 12:48).

The Bible tells us it's impossible to please God without faith. So today, I want to come in agreement with you as you put your Faith and Trust in God. Don't hide your Faith. Allow it to manifest through your words and actions. Romans 10:17 says, **“So then Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”**

Don't allow the devil to convince you that it is better to fight your enemies in the flesh rather than to use God's Word. When you fight in the flesh you will feel pain, make unwise decisions, hurt others, suffer the consequences, and temporarily enjoy the victory. However, when you use the Word - God gets the glory and you enjoy an everlasting victory. Therefore, I urge you to continue to rely on God's Word to defeat your enemies and use your Faith with action to claim your victory.

**Faith Talks! Faith Acts! Faith walks! Faith Believes!** So, *Faith it and Don't Fake It!* The battle was fought, and the Victory is won. You are blessed, go forth and be a blessing to someone else.