

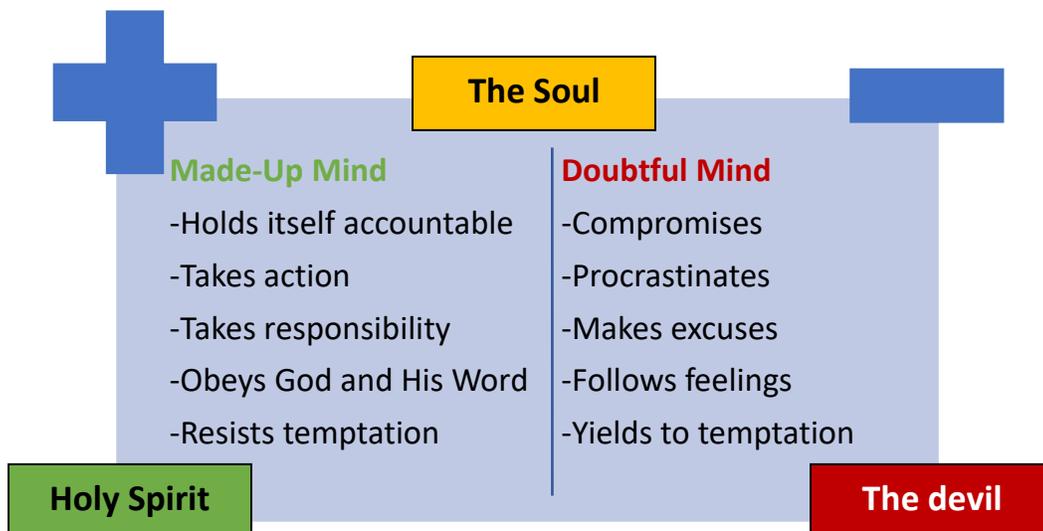
Living a Life of Readiness—**Stand** in Your **Deliverance**.



You will only be tempted by *what you desire*.

- The things you desire either:
 - Pull you away from God
 - Pull you away from your goals
- To stand in your deliverance you must have a “Made-Up Mind”
- What is the difference between “A Made-Up Mind” vs. a “Doubtful Mind”?

Who determines whether your mind is “made-up” or not? You do.



- Your soul houses your “will”. Your will can decide to follow the leading of the “Holy Spirit” or the leading of the Devil
- **You always have a “choice”.**
- What you “eat” (take in through your senses—eyes, ears, mouth, etc.) determines which is the strongest.
- Our enemy, the devil, uses our feelings against us by tempting us through our feelings.
- The Bible says believers “We walk by faith, not by sight.” This means we are to live by faith in what God says in His Word and to us personally and not by how we feel.
- Carnal (fleshly—more attached to the body instead of the Spirit of God), walk by feelings and not faith.
- What you hear and what you feel affects what you speak.
- When you speak negatively, you prophesy your own doom.
- Be quick to forgive and be quick to say, “I’m sorry.”
- The Holy Spirit is in your house. Grace is received every day through the Person of the Holy Spirit—the third Person of the Trinity—living inside you.
 - **1 Corinthians 6:19 New King James Version (NKJV) - 19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- **God’s grace gives us power to make better choices. God’s grace leads us into holiness NOT away from holiness.**
 - **Romans 8:12-17 New King James Version (NKJV) - Sonship Through the Spirit- 12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received **the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”** 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.
- **Cry out to God the Father (Abba Father) through prayer and receive help.** We are God’s children. Children who cry get help.
- **We are workers together with God. We have a part to play.**
 - **2 Corinthians 6:1 New King James Version (NKJV) - 6** We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
- Temptation can come in many different forms (money, career, relationships, mental, physical, etc.)
- All temptation is the desire to go against the will of God.
- **Jesus had to “die” to the temptation to do His own will, instead of God the Father’s will, BEFORE He allowed Himself to be crucified.**
 - **Luke 22:42-54 New King James Version (NKJV) - 42** saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed

more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

- Jesus made up His mind to be crucified. He had a choice. He decided to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. He trusted God with His entire being. He trusted that something horrible (the crucifixion) would lead to something wonderful because it was God's will.
 - **Philippians 2:5-8 New King James Version (NKJV)** - 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**
- The Lord expects us to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit too. We also will have to die to "our will" and allow God's will to be done in our lives.
- We must die to our will by faith and say— "not my will be done but Yours Lord."

How can we die to our will and resist temptation? Pray the way Jesus instructed us to in Matthew 6:9-13. Pray the "Lord's Prayer".

- **Matthew 6:9-13 New King James Version (NKJV)** - 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."
- **Count the cost when you decide to follow Jesus Christ. It costs you your earthly (temporary) life.**
 - **Luke 14:25-29 New King James Version (NKJV)** - 25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,
- But the reward of following Jesus Christ is everlasting life in Heaven and in the new heavens and the new earth.
 - **Revelation 22:12-15 New King James Version (NKJV) - Jesus Testifies to the Churches** - 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.
- When your mind is made up, you don't give up.

- If you can't take correction from people who love you (God, other believers, people in authority) how will you be able to withstand the attacks from the enemy who hates you?
- Godly correction leads to holiness.

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