

Surrounded by Wickedness

“The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.”

Psalm 119:110



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Beloved, you and I live in a world full of wickedness. It is all around us. Many of our grocery stores sell lottery tickets and pornographic magazines. When we check out at the grocery store, our husbands and our children are faced with magazine photographs of half nude women. Satan constantly lays snares of temptation before us daily: drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, immorality, gluttony, greed, covetousness, lying, cheating, deception, and compromise! Men, women, married, single, children, youth—we are daily bombarded by wickedness.

Most stores and restaurants have music, and a lot of the words are rebellious and immoral. Often the words of the music in the doctor’s office or when we go for a haircut are ungodly. There are many restaurants and stores that my husband and I will not enter; however, when there is soft, good music or no music, we make a point of telling the store restaurant managers that we appreciate it. Words and music affect us for good or for evil!

Our children are surrounded by wicked snares of daily temptations at school, and Satan surrounds many in their place of work.

While computers and the Internet can be used for good, what breaks the heart of God is when professing Christians willingly bring evil into their homes through participating in the wickedness of immorality via the Internet, and unsupervised children and youth become ensnared in lust. Beloved, do you help the devil destroy your relationship with Jesus Christ? Do

you help the devil destroy your marriage and children by inviting wickedness into your home through television and ungodly videos? Through television, videos, and the Internet, do you invite homosexuality, adultery, profanity, blasphemy, the occult, greed, covetousness, discontentment, bitterness, anger, unforgiveness, violence, mocking God, sexual perversions, New Age, evolution, and humanism into your home daily?

We cannot always control what we are exposed to in this world; however, by obedience to God’s Word and GOD’S AMAZING GRACE, we can keep our home free from the wicked snares of the devil. The Lord calls His people to be light in a dark world and, beloved, the only way that we can be that light and lead other people out of darkness into the light of Jesus Christ is if we daily read and obey the Bible.

I want to say that again. Through daily reading and obeying the Bible and teaching our children to do the same, the Holy Spirit will empower us to resist temptation. I want to challenge you. What are you inviting into your home? What are you inviting into your home via television and the Internet? Are you a tool in Satan’s hand to destroy your family? Stay close to Jesus. Read and obey the Word daily.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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