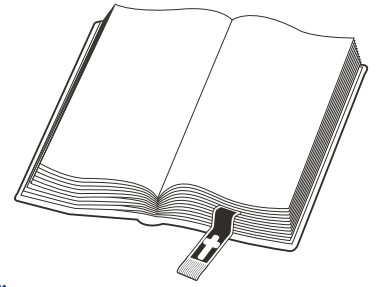


Living Godly in a Wicked World



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

Psalm 119:110

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Beloved, are you struggling to live a life that glorifies Jesus Christ without compromise?

Where are the wicked laying a snare for you? Is it at work or school? Is it in your home? Is it coming from unsaved or compromising family or friends? Is it all around you? We live in a sin-filled world, and the only way to resist temptation is by daily time with Jesus, filling our heart and mind with God's truth, and by obedience to apply the Bible in every situation! Galatians 6:7-8 reads, *"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."*

Beloved, we will never stay faithful to Jesus and resist the wicked snares of temptation in our own strength or if we play around with sin. Romans 13:14 reads, *"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."* Psalm 140:5 reads, *"The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set traps for me."* Beloved, have you become caught in a hidden snare of sin? Has the devil bound you in the lust of your flesh? Are you tangled in a net of immorality, drugs, alcohol, gambling, bitterness, anger, or financial problems? Are you feeling

trapped in adultery, pornography, or some other sin? Jesus will not forsake you if you cry out to Him for help.

James 4:6-10 is your answer. It reads, *"But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."* Beloved, from the time I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ in March 1976, I have applied this scripture. Step by step, it is very clear, and as I obeyed it, the power of the Holy Spirit and GOD'S AMAZING GRACE has set me free from the bondage of many sins.

I know the weaknesses of my flesh. Only humility and walking daily in submission to Jesus Christ and His Word gives me the power to resist the snares of the devil. Only Jesus can set you free, and only Jesus can keep you free! Stay close to Him daily.

— *Janice McBride*

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

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