

4 - Consecration's Response to Trials and Temptations
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Growing Through Trials of and Temptations
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Trials are the *hurts and hardships* we face because we live in a broken, fallen world with our own sinful natures and we live among others who sin against us because they have sinful natures.




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Temptations are the enticements from the world around us and from our sinful hearts inside us to ignore God's love for us and to violate His laws to get what we want.




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Addictions are the *enslaving, sinful habits* we develop when we repeatedly choose to deal with our trials and temptations in our own ways rather than turning to God and His Word for solutions.



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Triggers
are reminders of past painful or pleasurable events which stir associated emotions and physical cravings that tempt us to sin.

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God's **Recovery program** is sanctification.
God's **Relapse Prevention Plan** is heart transformation through sanctification.



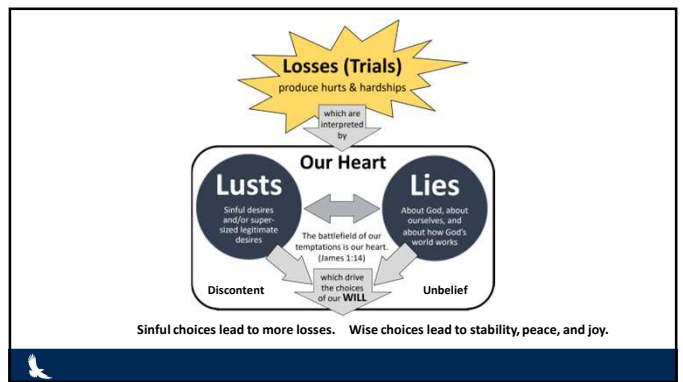
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Sanctification*
is God's change process whereby the **Spirit of God** uses the **Word of God** to make us like the **Son of God** amidst the circumstances we face in the **providence of God**.

* Heart transformation



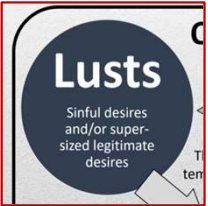
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LESSON 1

Behind every fall is the pull of our desires. Our emotions reflect what we really want.



1. Anger: "It's not right that I'm not getting what I want!"
2. Anxiety: "What if I don't get what I want?"
3. Despair: "I'll never get what I want!"

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LESSON 2

Behind every fall is belief in a lie.



1. Lies about God
2. Lies about ourselves
3. Lies about others
4. Lies about how God's world works

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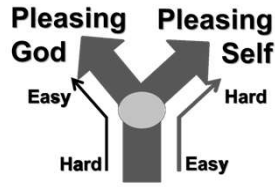
LESSON 3



Behind every fall is a **sinful choice** to believe lies and satisfy our strong desires in our own way even in disobedience to God.

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WE ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE.



“Just two choices on the shelf—pleasing God or pleasing self.”

Ken Collier

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GOD ALWAYS GIVES ENOUGH GRACE.



But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth [fights against] the proud [stubborn], but giveth grace [divine help] unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded (4:6-8).

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LESSON 4—REPEATED SIN ALWAYS LEADS TO THE DEATH OF SOMETHING.

- 1. Choices become increasingly limited.
- 2. Consequences become increasingly deadly.

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Bow, Trust, and Obey

The Godly Response to Trials and Temptations at Home

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Right Response in a Fire

If your clothes catch on fire...




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Right Response in a Trial or a Temptation



Bow



Trust

**Yes,
Lord.**

Obey

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Right Response in a Trial or a Temptation



Bow

- **Repentance**—“Lord, I disobeyed your Word when I _____. Please forgive me.”
- **Submission**—“Lord, I submit to Your way of living life. I need your help to _____.”

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Right Response in a Trial or a Temptation

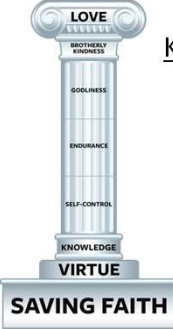


Trust

- Trust what God has said about **Himself** in His Word.
- Trust what God has said is the **right** way to respond.
- Trust God’s **promises** as we obey.

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Key Verses: Character of Christ



*And beside this, giving all diligence add to your faith **virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; and to knowledge **self-control**; and to self-control **endurance**; and to endurance **godliness**; and to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **love**. . . For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.*

2 Peter 1:5-7, 10

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Right Response in a Trial or a Temptation

**Yes,
Lord.**

Obey

- **Instantly** obey God’s Word in the power of God’s Spirit (Self-control)
- **Continue** to obey God’s Word in the power of God’s Spirit no matter what (Endurance)

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Example of a Right Response

Lord Jesus, Right now this is very hard for me, but I want to please you instead of my sinful heart. You have told me that You won’t give me more than I can bear and that You would help me. I believe You and ask You to give me courage and humility as I obey you by _____ . Amen.

Bow

Trust

Obey

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James 1
Lessons for
Growing
Through
Trials

01 - A Faith that Functions <small>Growing and Changing Through Trials</small>	04 - Dangerous Desires <small>Growing and Changing Through Trials</small>
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03 - Emergency Checklist <small>Growing and Changing Through Trials</small>	06 - The Good Life <small>Growing and Changing Through Trials</small>
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