"Resist the devil and he will flee from you"

James 4:7

The Five Most Dangerous Traps

- 1. Idleness
- 2. Surrendering to ignorance
- 3. Offenses
- 4. Evil imaginations
- 5. The deception of duality

1. The Trap of Idleness

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin"

James 4:17

"Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger." *Proverbs* 19:15

- "Idleness is a constant sin, and labor is a duty. Idleness is the devil's home for temptation and for unprofitable, distracting musings; while labor profits others and ourselves" <u>Anne Baxter</u>
- "People who have nothing to do are quickly tired of their own company" <u>Jeremy Collier</u>
- "It is idleness that creates impossibilities; and where people don't care to do anything, they shelter themselves under a permission that it cannot be done" <u>Bishop Robert South</u>

2. Surrendering to Ignorance

"How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge"

Proverbs 1:22

3. Offenses

"Woe to the world because of offenses" *Matthew 18:7*

How is a lack of discernment in using modern technology wrecking Christian homes today?

- Defilement of minds and bodies with various forms of abominations
- Growing tolerance to sin
- Addiction
- Loss of dialogue and communication between family members
- Slackness in carrying out spiritual duties

4. Evil Imaginations

"...bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:5

Examples of Satan's Arrows

- 1. Doubts
- 2. Lustful thoughts
- 3. Envy
- 4. Anger
- 5. Sorrows without real reasons
- 6. Worries
- 7. Fears

5. The Deception of Duality

- "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?" (2 Corinthians 6:14-15)
- "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:17-18)

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