

Do These Things...You Shall Never Fall

Background scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-10; Eph 2:1-3, Luke 7:32-50; 1 Cor 13:4-7; Rom 7:22-23; Acts 2:38; 2 Cor 5:17

1. Whatever we do in the Lord is in the Spirit. It tears down spiritual wickedness in high places.
 - a. The wicked are constantly building up the kingdom of darkness.
 - b. Even in a good work, we say one can chase a thousand and two can chase ten thousand, but this formula works in darkness as well.
 - c. If one person can do evil, then two can chase ten thousand [in darkness].
 - d. This is why those in darkness are in unity working for the same master.
 - e. They all have the same goal, objective, and end in mind. They will receive the same reward.
2. Spiritual wickedness tries to bring anything to your mind to keep you from being on one accord.
 - a. We have to work together. Together we stand, but divided we will fall.
3. The home of the Highest is Heaven, where God is.
 - a. Heaven is so high physically that evil spirit are not allowed to go that high.
 - b. Wherever Heaven is, there must be oxygen.
 - c. God breathed oxygen into man and he became a living soul.
 - d. Adam (man) breathed oxygen. God made woman and she also breathed oxygen.
 - e. The disciples saw Jesus going up to Heaven. This is what gave them so much power.
4. Evil powers come from Satan who is called the Prince of the power of the air. (Eph 2:1-3)
 - a. They (evil powers) are in the air we breathe.
 - b. They influence all the wickedness in the world.
 - c. We have to be careful not to be influenced by the same spirits.
 - d. When you see people sitting in a bar, something is influencing them to sit at that bar.
 - e. If we were to sit there with them at the bar long enough, the same spirits would have an influence on us.
 - f. If I did a certain sin when I was in the world, it will influence me differently than another brother.
 - g. It may be a good idea for me to stay far away from that sin.
5. Some people don't think of anything spiritual until they walk into the church.
 - a. The level of the spirit that we are depends on or is determined by our desire for spiritual things.
 - b. This determines where you are spiritually.
 - c. We all have spiritual goals.
 - d. Despite our smile and congeniality, what we desire determines what type of anointing we will have.
6. Be careful how you shift your imagination or desires.
 - a. Spiritual wickedness can shift your desire for spiritual things and they become 2nd or 3rd in your life.
7. For example, say I want a 30 year old wife.
 - a. I will start shifting my clothes and my hair in that direction.
 - b. Then I will start acting like I'm a 30 year old man and this becomes my #1 priority.
 - c. Although you can't see it, something else can become your first priority.
8. Satan will always try to put something else into your first priority and this will become a stumbling block and a snare.
 - a. This will slow you down and trip you up.
 - b. Sooner or later that person will fall.
 - c. What do you love most of all?
9. Jesus said "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
(Matt 6:33)

- a. This does not mean you don't love your husband and wife.
 - b. You have to love spiritual things more than you love natural things.
 - c. Spiritual things never come between you loving your spouse and children, unless your husband wants you to choose between him and your God.
 - d. When a man does that, he makes himself a god.
 - e. Loving spiritual things will never interfere with you finding a wife unless you find a Jezebel.
 - f. He said 'he that finds a wife finds a good thing.'
10. 2 Peter 1:3, according as his divine power...
- a. To receive God's divine power, you must desire it above all other natural desires.
 - b. This is not just any power, but divine power.
 - c. Men want power but not divine power.
11. Jesus loved the people. He was always around people and a lot of women.
- a. We don't find Jesus falling because there were a lot of women around.
 - b. We always have more women in church than men.
 - c. We have to learn not to fall.
12. Simon saw this when Jesus came to his house. (Luke 7:36-50)
- a. There were always women washing and rubbing his feet.
 - b. The woman came into the house and washed his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
 - c. Simon was watching how Jesus would respond.
13. 2 Peter 1:4, the divine nature dwells in us by the Holy Spirit.
- a. When we are changed, we will take up the divine nature in our body.
 - b. Now we have these vile, natural bodies.
 - c. One day, we will never have an evil thought.
14. We can only go so far when thinking about immortality.
- a. We have to rely on the word of God to help us.
 - b. When our bodies are changed, we will look at everything totally differently than we do right now.
 - c. Charity thinks no evil and is kind. It's not puffed up and not easily provoked. (1 Cor 13:4-7)
 - d. We have a temper, but we have the Spirit. We're just not there yet.
15. 2 Peter 1:4, the divine nature is the inheritance. This is when we become immortal.
- a. Jesus said I come that they may have life and that more abundantly. (John 10:10)
 - b. This is what your struggle is all about. This is what your fasting is all about. We want to live forever.
 - c. Don't shift your goals where you want to do anything more than being changed.
 - d. Never want to do anything before your body is changed.
16. All sin in the world is because of these mortal bodies.
- a. All divorces and drug abuse is because of the lust of the body.
 - b. Corruption is in the world through the lust of the body.
 - c. After your body is changed, you will never lust or commit sin again.
 - d. Are you ready to go?
17. You feel the powerful influence the flesh has over the soul.
- a. Paul said when I delight after the law of God; I see another law warring against my members and my mind. (Rom 7:22-23)
 - b. We really love the Lord, we want our church to grow, we want a move in the power of God, but the other law will bring you into captivity and you will lose your church, your members, your ministry, and all that you will have is that woman you couldn't let go.
 - c. It will bring you into captivity and pull you down.
 - d. Your wife will be left carrying on the church and you will be out there trying to be young.

18. When that day comes, we will no longer entertain the thought.
 - a. When Jesus was on earth, he walked in this mind all the time.
 - b. We must prioritize and stop these things from becoming first.
19. 2 Peter 1:8, if these things be in you, you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful.
 - a. Peter can preach this because he was a man of experience.
 - b. Jesus told Peter, Satan desires to sift you as wheat. (Luke 22:31-34)
 - c. Peter says if you do these things, you will never fall.
20. As long as Peter was with Jesus, he didn't have to pray, fast, be temperate, etc.
 - a. Peter followed Jesus and ushered the multitude while Jesus prayed for them.
21. John 18:15, 25-27, Peter denied Christ three times, but he said if you do these things, you will never fall.
 - a. Peter lost it. He cut the man's ear off but he was really aiming for more.
 - b. Peter really backslid.
 - c. Some of the other disciples really gave up.
 - d. Don't give up.
 - e. When you stop coming to church, you have given up.
 - f. The disciples said after Jesus died, we may as well go back to the synagogue.
22. Acts 1-2, afterwards they were all restored and filled with the Holy Ghost.
 - a. Jesus breathed on them and they received the Holy Ghost. (John 20:22)
 - b. When you leave, the Holy Ghost leaves.
23. You can dismiss the Spirit during a traumatic experience.
 - a. I have seen people walk away because of their trauma.
 - b. They just quit and leave God.
24. After the day of Pentecost, look at the man (Peter) who denied Jesus three times.
 - a. It appears Peter forgot he cut the man's ear off.
 - b. We allow our past failures or mistakes to hold us back from being the man or woman of God the Lord want us to be.
 - c. Forgetting those things behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. (Phil 3:13)
 - d. He was refilled and renewed and then all his past, he had to put it behind him.
 - e. This is hard sometimes for some people.
25. Acts 2:38, Peter stood up and said repent.
 - a. No doubt the soldier could have been in the audience, but Peter wasn't worried about what people thought of him.
 - b. 2 Cor 5:17, "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away..."
26. 2 Peter 1:10-11, if you do these things, you shall never fall.