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WHAT TO DO ABOUT SATANIC HINDRANCES. -C. H. Spurgeon

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I have but one piece of advice, and that is to go on, hindrance or no hindrance, in the path of duty as God the Holy Spirit enables you. If Satan hinders you...this opposition should cheer you. "I did not expect," said a Christian minister, "it to be easy in this particular pastorate, or else I would not have come here; for I always count it to be my duty to show the devil that I am his enemy, and if I do that, I expect that he will show me he is mine." If you are opposed and you can trace that opposition to Satan, congratulate yourself on it, do not sit down and fret. Why, it is a great thing that a poor creature like you can actually vex the great prince of darkness and win his hate. It makes the race of man more noble that it comes in conflict with a race of spirits and stands foot to foot even with the prince of darkness himself. It is a dreadful thing, doubtless, that you should be hindered by such an adversary, but it is most hopeful, for if he were your friend you might have cause to worry indeed. Stand out against him, because now you have an opportunity of making a greater gain than you could have made had he remained quiet. You could never have had a victory over him if you had not engaged in conflict with him. The poor saint would go on his inglorious way to heaven if he were unmolested, but being molested, every step of his pathway becomes glorious. If I retreat and turn my back in the day of battle, what will the rest of God's servants say? What shouts of derision will reign over the battlefield! How will the banner of the covenant be trailed in the mire! Why, we must not, we dare not play the coward; we dare not give way to the insinuation of Satan and turn from the Master, for then the defeat would be too dreadful to endure. Beloved, let me feed your courage with the recollection that *your Lord and Master has overcome*. See Him before you. He of the thorn-crown has fought the enemy and broken his head - Satan has been completely worsted by the Captain of your salvation... You have to contend with a defeated foe... Strike, then, for Christ has smitten him. Down with him, for Jesus has had him under His foot. The Captain has triumphed before you.

Lastly, remember that you have a promise to make you gird up your loins and play the man this day. "**Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**" Christian minister, do not resign, do not think of sending your resignation because the church is divided and the enemy is making progress. Resist the devil. Flee not, but make him flee. Christian young men... though Satan hinders you very much I pray you redouble your efforts. It is because Satan hinders you very much I pray you now redouble your efforts; it is because Satan is afraid of you that he resists you because he would rob you of the great blessing which is now descending on your head. Resist him and stand fast! Be now courageous; play the man for God, for Christ, and for your own soul. The day shall come when you with your Master will ride triumphantly through the streets of the New Jerusalem, sin, death, and hell, captive at your chariot wheels, and you with your Lord crowned as victor, having overcome through the blood of the Lamb.

- *The Fairhaven Fundamentalist*

THE BIBLE The Bible either humbles or hardens one. Upon hearing it, we can never really be the same. We either give in to it, or we get a little harder towards it. **"He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy."** ~Proverbs 29:1 Vance Havner said, "It is not like hearing Homer or Shakespeare. *We do not go away the same after we hear the Word of God.*" It is wonderful to grow up in a Christian home, but beware you don't take for granted the things of God. Do not harden your heart by putting God off; receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior TODAY! **"NOW is the accepted time..."**

GOOD ADVICE FOR A PASTOR! This was penned by Abraham Lincoln: *"If I were to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop would be closed to all other business. I do the very best I know - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the very end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right won't make any difference."*

YOUTH CORNER

A WORD OF WISDOM

One serious mistake most young people make is seeking advice from the wrong place - their friends. A survey showed that 50% of teens never went to someone older for counsel, but only to their peers. This is dangerous for your friends have not had the time or experience to acquire true wisdom. And of course, if they are not saved, they do not have any wisdom that comes from God at all. *Young person, do not confuse agreement with understanding.* Most of us want advice from someone who will agree with us, while one who disagrees may actually have the right counsel. **"Hear counsel and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in the latter end."** ~Proverbs 19:20.

YOU MUST HAVE ALL THE INGREDIENTS!

I came across a little poem that illustrates what is wrong with a good many Christians. They simply do not use all the proper ingredients (which God supplies) to make their lives right and beneficial to God and others. They feel free to omit things which God requires and then supply their own ingredients. It simply will not work unless you follow the directions. What about you, are you going by the Book, God's recipe for a fruitful life?

I didn't have potatoes - So, I substituted rice;

I didn't have paprika - So, I used another spice.

I didn't have tomato sauce - I used tomato paste;

Not a half a can; a whole can-I don't believe in waste.

A friend gave me a recipe - She said you couldn't beat it.

There must be something wrong with me

- I couldn't even eat it!

ABOUT HUMAN ATTITUDES:

DID is a word of ACHIEVEMENT,

WON'T is a word of RETREAT,

MIGHT is a word of BEREAVEMENT,

CAN'T is a word of DEFEAT,

OUGHT is a word of DUTY,

TRY is a word of EACH HOUR,

CAN is a word of POWER.

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IT'S TIME TO EXAMINE *YOURSELF*?

We are all good at examining the other fellow, but God says we are to examine ourselves! But few do it. God does say, Christian, if you don't do it, I will! If you are a true child of God, I hope you will take this seriously. In Psalm 139:23,24 it says, "**Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**" A.W.Tozer said, "The philosopher Socrates stated, 'An unexamined life is not worth living.' If a common philosopher could think that, how much more we Christians ought to listen to the Holy Spirit when He says, '**Examine yourselves.**' An unexamined Christian lies like an unattended garden. Let your garden go unattended for a few months and you will not have roses and tomatoes but weeds. An unexamined Christian life is like an unkempt house. Lock your house up tight as you can and leave it long enough, and when you come back, you will not believe the dirt that got in from somewhere. An unexamined life is like an untaught child. A child that is not taught will be a little savage. It takes examination, teaching, instruction, discipline, caring, tending, weeding and cultivating to keep life right." I am reminded of an incident I read of a man who stopped at a gas station for gas and asked the attendant to wash the windshield. After the attendant had done so, the man cried, "It's still dirty." So, the attendant washed it again. Now, the customer was quite angry and said, "Don't you even know how to wash a windshield?" At that moment, the man's wife reached over, removed her husband's eyeglasses and cleaned them with a tissue. He put them back on and behold, the windshield was very clean. The biggest problem we all have is SELF! "**Be sure your sin will find you out.**"

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LAZINESS IS A SIN!

The word lazy doesn't appear in the Bible but the words slothful and sluggard do and they mean the very same thing! God does not expect anyone to be lazy but productive. He made man, put him in a garden and told him to keep it, to tend it. Sad to say, I have seen more than a few lazy *Christians* though they wouldn't admit it. God says, "**The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.**" ~*Proverbs 26:16*. In a discussion of today's soft living an older man said, "When I was a boy I worked 12-14 hours a day on the ranch. On Sunday I rode a mule 10 miles to Church, and when I got there we sang, 'Work for the Night Is Coming.' Now the ranch is mechanized, and when Sunday comes my grandson and his family get in the car and drive over paved roads to Church, where they sit in cushioned pews and when they get there they sing, 'Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid?'" Animals, and even insects, are smarter than some people. God admonishes the lazy: "**Go to the ant thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.**" ~*Proverbs 6:6*. Of all people, God's children ought to be diligent - both in their secular employment and in the service of God. "**Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience (perseverance) inherit the promises.**" ~*Hebrews 6:12*. I distinctly remember reading a number of times in the sermons of Moody and Spurgeon where both men said they did not think a lazy person could be saved. You may dispute it, but my experience leads me to agree with them. A word to the wise!