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SUBJECT: TEMPTED TO DO EVIL

I know what you may be thinking, a wise man is tempted to do evil. Yes. The type of evil I'm talking about does not inflict physical harm on people. It crosses the lines of righteous morals, values and character.

There have been countless moments where I've been tempted to do evil. I can **HONESTLY** say when these moments arrived I **DID NOT** fall for the temptation. However, the offer was enticing.

I remember when the Executive Vice President of a company I worked for wanted me to dishonor my immediate boss by stepping over his head to get things done. If I would of done this the Executive Vice President would of promoted me to a higher position on evil principles.

At the time, the higher position would of helped me further my career and I really needed the extra income at that moment. God teaches us in His Word to always **HONOR AUTHORITY.**

Ephesians 6:5-6 says, "Slaves, obey your masters here on earth with fear and respect and from a sincere heart, just as you obey Christ. You must do this not only while they are watching you, to please them. With all your heart you must do what God wants as people who are obeying Christ."

Dishonoring authority is an **EVIL** thing to do. God commanded us to **HONOR** the people who are above us. He did not tell us this because the people were worthy of honor. He told us this because we should be loyal to Him.

I was tempted to dishonor my immediate boss to attain worldly treasures. The thought was there. The motive was there. The opportunity was there but the Holy Spirit convicted me. I thank God for the conviction. What I knew and what I wanted clashed.

I knew dishonoring authority was wrong, yet I wanted more power and money. In my prayer time I told the Holy Spirit that being righteous takes too long to get rewarded. It seems like people who do what is evil are rewarded quickly.

I was tired of being overlooked while doing what is right. I was tired of getting less while doing what is right. I was tired of being overworked and under paid while doing what is right. Have you felt this way?

The Holy Spirit reminded me of King Jesus journey. Every time Jesus did something good He attracted more persecution. His reward for righteousness did not come immediately, it came **GRADUALLY**.

The Holy Spirit reminded me that being righteous is **NOT** a short cut to success. It is a **LONG TERM** strategy for receiving eternal victory. Thinking about the end of my life

prevents me from compromising in the middle of my journey.

TAKEAWAY: When you are tempted to do what is evil remember that righteousness is **NOT** a short cut to success. It is a long term strategy for receiving eternal life. Righteousness will reward you in the **END**.

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