

3rd John # 12“Doing Good” Part 4

3rd John 11; 1st Corinthians 10:13

There has never been a thought, a problem, a pressure or a disaster in your life that the Word of God has not covered and given you counsel for.

Actually, every thought, problem, pressure or disaster in life is a test of our faith in God and His plan for us and a temptation to attempt to handle it alone or with another human being’s help or counsel.

When it comes to testing, no test has ever come our way apart from the will of God and He never gives us more testing than we are able to bear because we have divine provision for resistance of temptation and testing.

6 GRACE SOLUTIONS IN HANDLING TEMPTATION AND TESTING:

1. The application of retroactive positional truth to our present experience

2. The mechanics of recovery in 1st John 1:9

3. *The operation of Faith-Rest*

4. The filling of the Holy Spirit

5. Living in the Word of God

6. **The spiritually mature technique of occupation with Jesus Christ**

And so, the self-deceived, self-centered, self-absorbed desire to pridefully handle our problems our way in our timing with our power to somehow get our well-deserved credit, remains our greatest, most alluring temptation.

If we reject God’s counsel, no other counselor is going to put our life back together for us.

We are counseled by the biblical truth we have in our own souls; so as our counselor, the Lord teaches us when we’re pursuing human good to the point that it becomes evil.

Counsel belongs to God and not anyone else and when we run to others for counsel, we’re basically saying that they are smarter than God.

No counseling will ever give us the power or strength that’s available to us from the Word of God.

No spiritually dead person can invite Jesus Christ anywhere; the spiritually dead can only accept the invitation of God to believe in His Son, Jesus Christ.

All good deeds begin and end with what God has done for us.

If human good works are excluded from salvation and they are, it follows that human good works are excluded from the plan of God for the believer and they are.

Divine good is incorruptible; human good is corruptible and when man sinned, the first thing he did was not to commit another sin but to commit an act of human good.

Human good is corrupted by intent or motivation; the motivation from arrogance or from emotion, so fear, anger, self-pity and guilt corrupt the function of good.

Sinful motivation plus human good equals evil and human good is corrupted by its results, so human good plus sin equals evil.

Evil is the policy of Satan as the ruler of this world and Satan is trying to incorporate a great deal of good, so that He can control people through various aspects of good.

The motivation that maintains the integrity of a good deed must come from God the Holy Spirit and processed biblical truth in the soul.

There's a type of good that overcomes evil and a type of good where evil overcomes.

Doing good is imitating Jesus Christ in His example within His humanity of depending on the filling of the Holy Spirit and biblical truth applied to live victoriously as a man.

Doing good involves a genuine desire to cultivate the mind of Christ in utilizing His counsel to face any and all temptations and testing.

Doing good begins with good thinking and that requires diligent study of the Word of God which requires disciplined focus and avoidance of all distractions.