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The Call to Be Sober & Vigilant Against Evil

We live in constant danger for the adversary is seeking any that he may devour or defeat The evil one is alive, and he is diligent to try to defeat or destroy us by tempting and trying the saints. Job 1:7 says, "And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." We need to be watchful and to draw near to and submit to God first and then to resist the devil. Consider the following.



6 Steps to Resist the Devil (Jas 4:7,8)

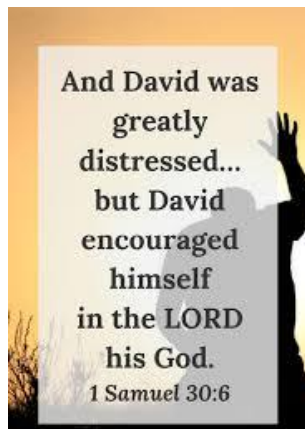
1. Draw nigh to God first.
2. Be strong to stand firm and to resist the devil.
3. Cleanse our hearts with the precious blood of Christ.
4. Be on guard and alert all the time.
5. Put on the full armour of God.
6. Trust in the Lord who is our Rock/Fortress against all evil with much prayer.

Exposing Diabolical Strategies Today

1. **Disappointment.** Life has its ups and downs, and we need to look up to the Lord and not to men or self or circumstances. Do not let failures put you down that you do not seek God nor serve Him. Paul in Rom 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the

called according to his purpose." Wait upon the Lord patiently and he has a plan for us for our own good in the end

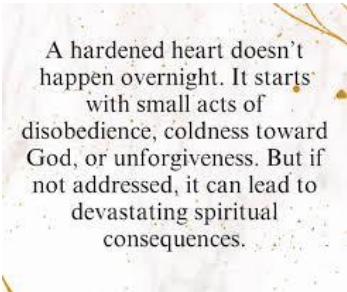
2. **Discouragement.** This is a powerful way to defeat a saint often when he is in the doldrums of life. The solution is found in 1Sam 30:6 which says, *"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."* Let us learn the art of encouraging ourselves in the Lord through prayer sharing and singing and the reading of His Word by the grace of God. Let us be an encourager to others



3. **Distraction.** When we are not focused on the Lord, we are vulnerable to the temptations of Satan and his demons in the social media, work, and Netflix, online games and others. When Peter focused his eyes on the sea, he was afraid but when he fixed his eyes on the Lord, he was alright. Matt 14:30 says, *"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me."* These waves could refer to television, Internet, pets, hobbies.
4. **Doubt.** One of the devil's wiles is to cast doubts in our minds. Gen 3:1 says, *"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"* Listen to the word of God and not the deceptiv ewords of the evil one
5. **Disbelief.** One of the diabolical ways is to cause us to distrust or have second thoughts about God and the truth of His Word and His church as well. Gen 3:4-9 says, *"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"* Focus on the Lord and his word and trust fully in him
6. **Double-mindedness.** Satan seduces us with many attractive options and tempts us to rebel and disobey the Lord with a undecided mind that is not fully

surrendered and consecrated to the Lord. Matt 6:24 says, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Eph 4:14 says, “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.” We need to be resolute and make up our minds for the Lord

7. **Despair.** One of the weapons of the evil one is to cause distress or depression, discouraging us in the process that we are not effective for the Lord. 2Cor 4:7-9 say, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;”
8. **Deceit.** Satan deceived Eve in the garden of Eden, and he will continue to try to do so today in the life of the church especially in the last days of compromise and religious accommodation. 2Thes 2:8-12 says, “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (that is, with regard to false doctrines). Be alert to distinguish truth from error and be not easily fooled or deceived.
9. **Dullness.** It is a kind of indifference to spiritual things. **Beware that we do not be indifferent or lose interest in spiritual things and hence stagnate in our faith** for Heb 5:12-14 say, “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Let us be diligent for the Lord and press on to serve Him faithfully.



A hardened heart doesn't happen overnight. It starts with small acts of disobedience, coldness toward God, or unforgiveness. But if not addressed, it can lead to devastating spiritual consequences.

10. **Defilement.** We are not to corrupt or defile our bodies or our faculties with worldliness and sinful associations for 1 Cor 3:16, 17 says, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” (Immorally and other sins). Beware of these wiles of the

devil. Keep away from worldly influence and beware of conformity to these fallen and sinful world and separate from them and be holy

11. **Discord.** Satan specialises in sowing seed of discord or disharmony in the family or the church to divide us and cause us to be disunited and be less effective. Prov 16:16-18 says, *"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul."* Preserve the peace and unity in the home and the church as much as it is within you. (Eph 4:1-4)
12. **Disobedience to God.** It is a spirit of rebellion and pride that will cause us to defy God. **We need to cultivate the healthy fear of God and respect for His Word and instruction and not to take it lightly for there are serious consequences. Obedience is the mark of salvation and our love for God.**

The Devil's Malevolent Wiles Today

Paul reminds us soberly that our foes are formidable and we cannot defeat him alone on our own. Eph 6:10-12 says, *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*



We need to be close to God always in daily prayer and the careful meditation and reading of His Word. For consider the following that reminds us of our privilege and duty with Word of God for Heb 4:12 says, *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Therefore, we are to always depend on the Lord and be discerning in our faith and know His word and trust in the Lord always and to stay alert and watchful. Joshua was told in Josh 1:8 says, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

Be ready and willing to submit to God first and then to resist the evil one and defend the faithful in the power of His might and not on our strength.

But we need the divine protection of the Lord with prayer for Eph 6:18 says, *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"*

Conclusion

The Christian is in constant warfare for the enemy can strike any moment but In all this ,we are encouraged for Rom 8:37-39 says, *“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Let us remain vigilant and alert in world of grave diabolical testings, trials and temptations.

Jack Sin

Praise the Lord for the provision of a new Yamaha CVP835 for our church. The old one was given to us in Jan 2019 and has served us well except for some issues in recent times and hence a new replacement. Let us continue to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, with all our heart, mind and soul!



UNDERSTANDING CHURCH GROWTH FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Lord's Day Program for October to December 2025

October

- 5 The Empowerment to Witness to the World (Acts 1:1-16)
- 12* Elements in the Ushering of the Early Church (Acts 2:22-47)
- 19 Persecution And Expansion of the Church (Acts 4:1-15)
- 26 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
Needful Principles of a Continuing Reformation Spirit (Jude 1-5)

November

- 2 The Effective Corporate Ministry of the Church (Acts 6:1-7)
- 9* The Outreach to Samaria by Philip (Acts 8:26-40)
- 16 The Spiritual Transformation of Saul to Paul (Acts 9:1-20)

Pastor preached a Reformation message last Sunday (12 Oct) at Cherith Baptist Church Worship Service where many heard the of the Reformation for the first time.



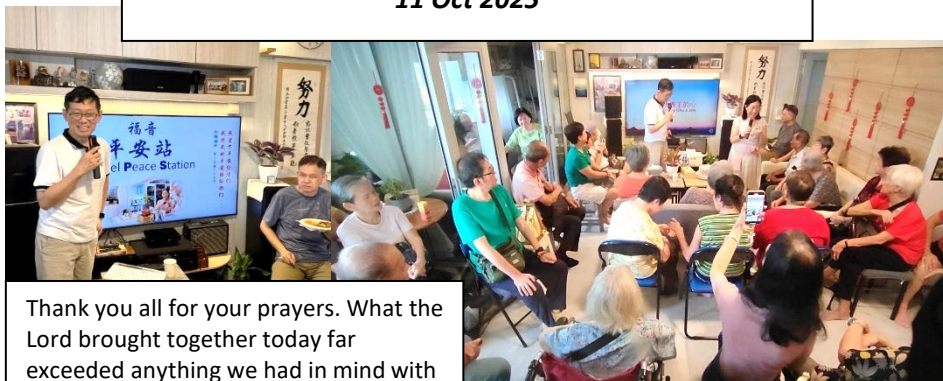
Pray for the salvation of Dhnanlan from Tamil Nadu who is working in the maintenance department of the Singapore University of Technology & Design in maintenance. He received the gospel tract gladly and said, "I am a Catholic." I gently replied, "Pray only to Jesus for He is the Only Way, the Truth and the Life who can truly save our souls." Hope that truth sinks into his heart as we leave it to the Spirit of God to convict him

Praise the Lord for 15yo Simon's salvation in Christon Sunday 12 Oct 2025!
Rachel shared the gospel with him, JoW led him in the sinner's prayer and Eld Yue Kay prayed for him.
His loving mother Angela is a Catholic. Pray that her understanding may be enlightened by God's Word to see salvation in Christ alone.
Justin (the teacher) invited Simon, and Simon likes coming for worship and so his mum accompanies him.
Pray for his mustard seed faith to grow strongly in the Lord and His Word.
Praise the Lord!!!!

Praise God for 19 brethren who
were at the Church Prayer
Meeting on Wed 15 Oct 2025!
A Church that
Prays Together,
Stays Together!
Come and Pray with Us!



***Gospel Peace Station
Mooncake Festival Outreach of Joseph & Rachel Wee
11 Oct 2025***



Thank you all for your prayers. What the Lord brought together today far exceeded anything we had in mind with 56 souls packed comfortably inside a 3-room flat - void deck ah-ma's, neighbours, "strangers" we met (though not to the Lord), buskers, old time contacts....

The void deck aunties have been practicing and sang "月亮代表我的心", after which Rachel sang "十字架代表主的愛" to the tune.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was shared to attentive ears and praying for long term friendship building and eventually praying for souls to be saved and built up in the Holy faith.



Memory Verse

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Rev Gerard Lim brings us God's Word this morning on **"Persecution & Expansion of the Church (Acts 4:1-15)"**, the new quarterly series on **"Understanding Church Growth from the Early Church (Book of Acts)"**.
3. Pastor is preaching a Reformation message at Gospel Light BPC this morning.
4. Next Sunday, Bro Joseph Wee will preach on **"Needful Principles of a Continuing Reformation Spirit (Jude 1-5)"**.
5. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Discussion (Eld Yue Kay)
 - Studies in Job (Dr Kwong Leen)
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the Psalms. **[Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178]**.
7. Pastor & Angie will be on sabbatical leave from Oct 21 to Dec 4. Rev Tan Eng Boo and Bro Joseph Wee will be available to provide pastoral support during this period. Do contact the session members for assistance when needed
8. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. **[Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551]**.
9. Pray for:
 - **Travels: Pastor & Angie** [New Zealand, 21/10-4/12],
 - **Geok Pin & parents** [respective cancer conditions], **Pit Yuen** [post-radiotherapy recovery], **Agnes' Parents** [health & salvation], **Mrs Philip Heng** [stroke recovery]
 - **Lily Almon**: Singapore Citizenship Application
 - **John Almon**: Application for course at Nanyang Polytechnic
 - **Joseph & Rachel**: GPS ministry and Hokkien outreaches
 - **Bangalore Mission Trip [11-15 Dec]**: Pastor, Eld Yue Kay, John W, Shaun & Zoey (Brunei)
10. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB Account 392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate **"Church Building Fund"** if you would like to designate towards this cause.