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OVERCOMING HARDSHIPS

1. **A Matter Of Faith** It is paramount that the child of God sufficiently understand David's statement: (Ps 34:17) "*The righteous _____, and the LORD _____, and _____ them out of all their troubles.*" Man's chronic problem lies in his impatient desire for "instant gratification." The psalmist expressed well: "*In the day when I call answer me speedily.*" Scripture? _____
2. **God's Part** We must constantly remember (2 Pet 2:9), "*The _____ knoweth how _____ the _____ out of temptations*" and that (Heb 13:5) "*he hath said, I will _____ thee, nor _____ thee.*"
3. **Man's Part** Our first obligation is (Prov 3:5) to "*trust in the LORD with all thine _____; and _____ unto thine _____ understanding.*" The Apostle Paul acknowledged this trust when he said (2 Tim 1:12), "*I know whom I _____, and am persuaded that he is _____ to _____ that which I _____ unto him against that day.*"
4. **We Must Manifest Intestinal Fortitude** Why? (Prov 24:10) "*If thou _____ in the day of _____, thy strength is _____.*" Paul warns: (Gal 6:9) "*Let us not _____ in well doing: for in _____ we shall _____, if we faint not.*" The Christian's hope (Heb 6:19) is "*an _____ of the _____, both sure and stedfast*" when (Col 1:23) we "*continue in the faith _____ and _____.*" Remember: (Lk 9:62) "*No man, having put his _____ to the _____, and looking _____, is fit for the kingdom of God.*"
5. **Life Is Problematic** Jesus cautioned: (Lk 17:1) "*It is impossible but that _____*" and warns, "*but _____, through whom they come!*" Make sure that you aren't the one creating the problems. (Prov 4:14-15) "*Go not in the way of _____ men. _____ it, pass _____ by it, _____ from it, and pass away.*" Remember: (Ps 37:23) "*The steps of a _____ are ordered by the LORD.*" His "orders" include (1 Thess 5:22), "*_____ from all _____ of evil.*"
6. **A Beautiful Two-fold Promise** (1 Cor 10:13) "*God is _____, who will _____ to be tempted above that ye _____.*" That's the first part. Now, the second part: "*but will with the temptation also _____ a _____ to _____, that ye may be able to _____.*" It's up to the Christian to (a) keep his eyes open and look for it, and (b) seize the means of deliverance when it comes along. All too often we feel so sorry for ourselves that we are oblivious when solutions to our problems present themselves. Lack of faith that causes self-pity! (Isa 60:1) "*Arise, shine!*" Paul said: (1 Cor 16:13) "*Quit you _____.*" Act grown up!
7. **Get Out Of The Doldrums!** This means don't allow depression to rule you. Depression equals listlessness and dependency. Jesus (Heb 4:15) "*was in all points tempted _____, yet without sin.*" (1 Pet 2:21) "*Christ also _____ for us, leaving us an _____, that ye should _____ his steps.*" Can one exemplify Jesus if they "mope around" all the time? _____

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