

8. **Exposure – How To Deal With It** Everyone is exposed to some sleaze, bad language, immorality, gossip, and numerous other forms of evil. God understands the nature of human society. That's *why "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."* Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit even commanded (1 Thess 5:21) that Christians "*prove \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ that which is good.*" The word "prove" means *to examine*. Examine to discern whether it is bad or good. Once you take a good look, hold onto the good, turn loose of the bad quickly.
9. **Seeing & Hearing But Not Becoming Fixated** We've all heard of "the look of lust," but what is it? (a) It definitely isn't abstaining "*from all appearance of evil.*" (b) It is when one becomes fixated with something to the extent of developing a voracious desire to possess whatever it is. James says (1:14) that \_\_\_\_\_ happens when one "*is \_\_\_\_\_ of his own \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.*" (c) Note that one "*is drawn away.*" Drawn away from what? \_\_\_\_\_ Is he tempted until he is mentally "drawn away?" \_\_\_\_\_ Is one "enticed" until he is "drawn away?" \_\_\_\_\_ (d) Fixation causes us to be "drawn away" into temptation and enticement through lust. Remember to "*abstain from \_\_\_\_\_ appearance of \_\_\_\_\_.*"
10. **The Consequences Of Fixation With Evil** We become addicted to things that are appealing and pleasurable. Pleasure may be found in righteousness but there is temporal pleasure in sin. Moses (Heb 11:25) chose "*to suffer \_\_\_\_\_ with the people of God, than to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for a season.*" If you dabble in gossip, alcohol, ill-advised drugs, or illicit sex, you will become addicted to it. It is habit forming. It is much easier to turn your back on something with "first glance" appeal than to "give up" something to which you have become fixated.
11. **How Can I Know When Something Is Bad?** Accountable people can know that a rattlesnake bite may be fatal without being bitten by one. Some things are learned by trial-and-error; others are gleaned from logic, and the experience of others. If you believe the Bible it will teach you what to do and what to avoid. If we have doubts we need to be wary until we, like the Bereans, (Acts 17:11) can identify "*\_\_\_\_\_ those things \_\_\_\_\_.*"
12. **Turn From It** (Prov 4:14-15) "*Enter not into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the way of evil men. \_\_\_\_\_ it, pass \_\_\_\_\_ by it, turn \_\_\_\_\_ it, and pass away.*" Don't make a wide gentle turn. Turn abruptly and "do a 180." Paul commanded that we (1 Cor 10:14) "*flee from \_\_\_\_\_.*" Idolatry is more than worshipping a graven image. It may be becoming so infatuated with pleasure (ie: hedonism) that it becomes your idol. It may be money, power, etc. To "flee" means to *shun, to vanish, to escape*. Those who *flee* cannot afford a "lingering look."
13. **Beware Of Entrapment** Paul spoke (Eph 6:11) of the "*\_\_\_\_\_ of the devil.*" Speaking of Satan, Paul said (2 Cor 2:11), "*for we are \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_.*" This means deception and trickery. An elder must be of sound reputation (1 Tim 3:7) "*lest he \_\_\_\_\_ into reproach and \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil.*" The world's allure is powerful! The world's "bright lights" often make the "lights of home" seem dim by comparison. God is adamant (Ex 23:2) that "*thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ a multitude to \_\_\_\_\_ evil.*" Christians will always be a minority.
14. **Suffer Loss Rather Than Begrudge Lost Opportunities** There are things we could enjoy but many of them aren't beneficial. (1 Cor 10:23) "*All things are \_\_\_\_\_ for me, but all things are \_\_\_\_\_ expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things \_\_\_\_\_.*" Don't fret if you "pass something up" because you are unsure if you ought to have it, and later conclude that it wasn't bad or harmful. In speaking of his own sacrifice of worldly things, Paul said: (Phil 3:8) "*I have suffered the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, and do \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_, that I may win Christ.*" He didn't waste time fretting about what he might have "missed."
15. **Broaden Your Awareness** Grow up! Study (2 Tim 2:15) and be approved. (Eph 5:17) "*Be ye not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ what the will of the Lord is.*" If you have doubts about something, leave it alone. Like David, say to God: (Ps 54:6) "*I will \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice unto thee.*"