



Run For Your Life

Everyday we see people ruin their lives. Truth is, nobody is exempt. If we hope to avoid ruin, we must learn to run for our lives.

(1 Peter 3:8,11) For the one who wants to love life and to see good days ... 11 ... let him turn away from evil and do what is good.

1—The Good Life Elimination

Evil is the single greatest threat to living the good life.

(v. 11) "evil ... good"

Does evil exist? What is evil?

Does the existence of evil eliminate God?

Why does God allow evil?

Where did evil come from?

(Rms 5:12) ... sin entered the world through one man ...

(Gen 6:5) ... the Lord saw that human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time.

- Evil is ____
- Evil is ____ (Rev 21:1,4)
- Evil is already ____ (Col 2:14, Heb 2:14, Eph 4:7-12)
- Evil is still ____ (Prov 13:15)

2—The Good Life Evasion

Living the good life requires turning away from evil—RUN.

(v. 11) "let him turn away from evil"

(Psa 97:10) You who love the Lord, hate evil! He protects the lives of his faithful ones...

(Psa 5:4) You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

HOW DO I OVERCOME TEMPTATION?

- **Remain __: Don't let temptation catch you off guard.**

(James 1:13-15) No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God," since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn't tempt anyone. But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own desires. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

- **Request ____: Don't think you can handle temptation on your own.**

(Matt. 26:41) Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

(Eph. 6:12,18) Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power ... Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all saints.

- **Run ____: Don't try fighting temptation, turn tail and run from it.**

(Prov 4:14-15) Keep off the path of the wicked; don't proceed on the way of evil ones. Avoid it; don't travel on it. Turn away from it, and pass it by.

(2 Timothy 2:22) Flee from youthful passions....

(1 Cor 6:18-20) Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. Don't you know your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God with your body.

(1 Thess 5:22) Stay away from every kind of evil.

(1 Pet 2:11) Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul.

WHAT IF I FAIL AND SIN?

- **Admit the ____ (1 Jn 1:9)**
- **Accept the ____ (1 Jn 1:9, Heb 10:17)**
- **Affirm the ____ (Rom. 6:11,18)**

3—The Good Life Exertion

Living the good life is conditional on doing good—DO RIGHT.

(v. 11) "let him...do what is good"

- **Do right because it is ____ to do.**

(1 Pt 1:16) ... it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.

- **Do ____ that you know is right to do.**

(Jms 4:17) So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it.

- **Do right whatever ____ may do.**

(Prov 1:10) My son, if sinners entice you, don't be persuaded.

- **Do right no matter what it ____ you.**

(1 Pt 3:17) For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.