**How To Deal With Your Weakness**

1) **DON'T IGNORE WHAT IS A WEAKNESS IN YOUR LIFE.** Ignoring or refusing to deal with a weakness in your life will only allow your weakness to grow. (See: II Samuel 11:1-5 - King David & Bathsheba) Women were David's weakness. He had many wives. That sin (lust for women) was passed down to Solomon (who had even more wives) Your weakness, unchecked, could run rampant and cause devastating things to happen in your life.

2) **DON'T IGNORE WHAT WAS A WEAKNESS IN YOUR LIFE.** (See: Galatians 5:1 - "...be not entangled again with a yoke of bondage.") (Proverbs 26:11) (II Peter 2:22 - "dog is turned to his own vomit"). (Matthew 12:44 - "I will return...") Be extra guarded over those areas of your life that USE to be your weakness. If you have been set free, **STAY FREE !!! Guard those areas!** (See: I Corinthians 10:12 - "...take heed lest he fall.")

3) **THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL WARN YOU ABOUT YOUR WEAKNESS BEFORE IT OVERTAKES YOU.** (See: Luke 22:31 - "...sift you as wheat...")

4) **YOU WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A 'SLAVE' TO YOUR WEAKNESS.** (It will need constant feeding - but never satisfied for long. The satisfaction it brings will only be temporary) (James 4:1-3 - "Ye lust and have not...") (Galatians 5:16 & 17 - "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit...")

5) **YOUR WEAKNESS MAY LITERALLY DESTROY YOU.**
If it doesn't, it WILL destroy the destiny God has for your life. (See: James 1:13-16 — "...sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.")

6) YOUR WEAKNESS INVITES MORE DEMONIC SPIRITS TO ENTER INTO YOUR LIFE.
Other "off-shoots" may come. It may lead to other bondages. (See: John 12:4-6 - Judas was criticizing the "waste" of the perfume. Saying it could be used for the poor. (NIV — "Not that he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it."

7) SATAN WILL COME AS AN 'ANGEL OF LIGHT' TO FEED AND GIVE MORE POWER TO YOUR WEAKNESS.
Many times he will use a person (who doesn't even realize it) to distract you away from hearing God's inner voice more clearly. (See: Judges 16:4 & 5 - Samson & Delilah)

8) YOUR WEAKNESS WILL BOND YOU WITH WRONG PEOPLE. (Solomon & his wives - I Kings 11: 1-4 - "...his wives turned away his heart after other gods...") (See: Nehemiah 13:23-26)

9) YOUR WEAKNESS WILL HINDER YOU FROM CONNECTING AND EMBRACING WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO SPEAK INTO YOUR LIFE. (See: I Samuel 15:35 - "Samuel came no more to see Saul..." NOTE: You will feel uncomfortable in the presence of those who are not condoning your weakness.

10) BE CAREFEUL OF THE WEAKNESSES IN OTHERS.
Do not judge them, but love them! Beware that their weakness does not become yours! (See: Genesis 3:6 — "she (Eve) took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband (Adam) with her and he did eat."
11) **GET RID OF THE WEAKNESS BEFORE IT GROWS AND BECOMES A HARDER BONDAGE TO WALK AWAY FROM.** (See: Genesis 21:10-17 - Abraham, Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael)

12) **GOD WILL STILL ALLOW YOU TO ENJOY HIS BLESSINGS FOR A SEASON.** He is giving you time to repent and change. He is longsuffering. (See: Exodus 34:6 & 7) (Galatians 6:7 - "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

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**12 Facts About Your Weakness If Not Dealt With**

YOUR WEAKNESS WILL ......

1) Make you discontent, unstable, lacking peace & experiencing unrest. (never satisfied)
2) Keep you from experiencing victory.
3) Cause you to be unable to make good decisions. (lack of discernment)
4) Make you blind to reality.
5) Keep you from God's best! (your destiny)
6) Drive a wedge in your relationships with other people.
7) Weaken your marriage.
8) Cause you not to pray like you should.
9) Make you irritable and judgmental. (critical, lack of humility)
10) Possibly lead you into greater and deeper realms than your original weakness was.
11) Negatively affect your health and well being. (lack of energy and strength - emotionally, physically, spiritually)
12) Cause you to be negative. (depressed)

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**PEOPLE WHO SUCCEED ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SOLVE A PROBLEM. PEOPLE WHO FAIL ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE.**

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