To Resist Temptation

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7.

Satan still comes with his temptations to the children of men. He employs every means at his command to conceal himself from view, and this is why so many are ignorant of his devices. A few days since, the question was asked me, “Do you believe in a personal devil?” “I do,” was the answer. “Well,” rejoined the questioner, “I do not believe
that there is any such being; our evil thoughts and impulses are all the
devil we know anything about!” “But,” I asked, “who suggests these
thoughts? Whence do they originate, if not from Satan?” …

Just as surely as we have a personal Saviour, we have also a
personal adversary, cruel and cunning, who ever watches our steps,
and plots to lead us astray. He can work most effectually in disguise.
Wherever the opinion is entertained that he does not exist, there he is
most busy. When we least suspect his presence, he is gaining
advantage over us. I feel alarmed as I see so many of the youth
yielding to his power while they know it not. Did they but see their
danger, they would flee to Christ, the sinner’s refuge.

Aim to be faithful students in the school of Christ, learning daily to
conform your life to the divine Pattern. Set your faces heavenward,
and press toward the mark for the prize of your high calling in Christ
Jesus. Run the Christian race with patience, and rise superior to every
temptation, however grievous it may be, that shall come to you. Resist
the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God; and if you are
desirous of taking the first upward step, you will find His hand
stretched out to help you. It remains with you, individually, as to
whether you walk in the light of the Sun of Righteousness, or in the
darkness of error. The truth of God can be a blessing to you only as
you permit its influence to purify and refine your soul.

This text is taken from Sons and Daughters of God by Ellen G. White. For free access to more of her
writings, please visit EGWWritings.org
Join us in prayer

Join the 777 global prayer chain at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week, for the Holy Spirit's presence in our families, leaders, churches, and communities.

Facebook
Twitter
Website
YouTube

Copyright © 2014 General Conference Ministerial Association, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this message because you signed up for the daily devotional at revivalandreformation.org.

If you no longer want to receive email from us, please use the "unsubscribe" link below.