

Objects lesson



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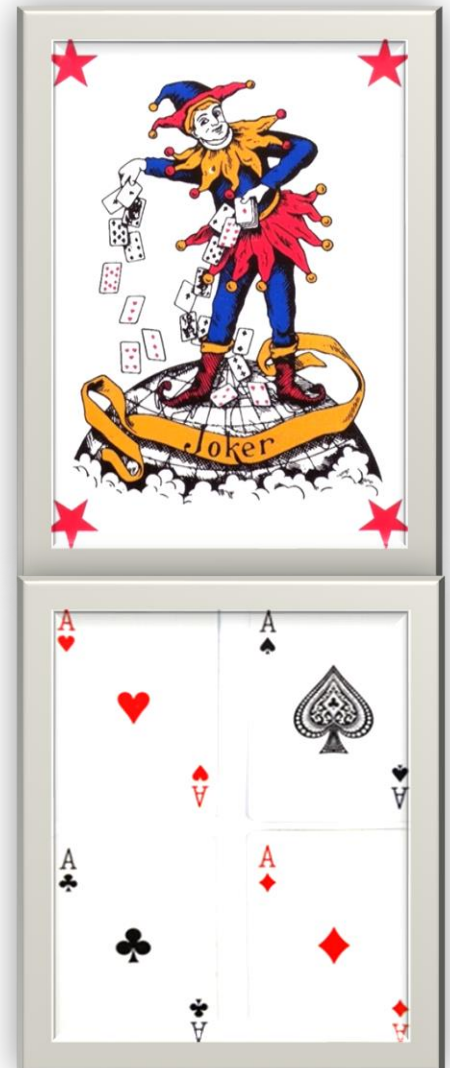
1. Is Jesus the ace in your deck of cards? Do you have the Joker, or are you stuck with useless cards that won't earn you any points?

When we play cards, we never know what we're going to get (e.g., Concan). Sometimes the cards may seem unnecessary, but all the while, they fill our hands and keep us in the game. The deck of cards represents blessings and trials, worldly goods, and eternal treasures. We all have faced hardship in this life, for example, sickness, etc., but God didn't deal us this hand to punish us. God gave us some difficult cards because those cards always bring the greatest blessings in the end. You haven't lost yet. In fact, you won't lose the game if you keep your eyes on your own cards first. It's not so much about the cards you've been dealt as it is about the cards you choose to lay down (sin, jealousy, envy, unhealthy habits, etc.). God is using these cards to help us learn lessons and honor him. "The hand you are dealt is determinism; how you play it is free will." Jawaharlal Nehru

We often don't get what we want, no matter how hard we work; we may get massive successes, and sometimes we get big failures. This is what happens when you pull a card from the deck randomly, but you will only know if you keep pulling until, finally, you pull a joker out of nowhere. That massive success saved you, but it only happened because you kept going. The joker card represents our God, and he is the hero of your game. It represents massive success, and it maximizes the benefits of your hand. Imagine you're holding a hand of ascending cards from an ace to 10, but you're missing the number 9 card, and the number 9 card that you need is already dead. Pulling a joker can potentially turn your stuck hand into a winning hand by replacing that dead card.

If life has dealt you a bad hand and you are stuck and uncertain, look to God as the joker in your hand to help you rebuild your hand and completely change your mindset from one of misery to one of prosperity (pulling a joker means a wish is granted, but this happened because you kept pulling (keep on praying and asking God for his help until he come through for you)).

Keep on asking, keep on seeking, and it will be given. (Matthew 7:7)



2. Why are we not healed? WHAT ARE THESE BARNACLES THAT ARE TRYING TO FASTEN THEMSELVES TO OUR SOUL?

Barnacles are small marine animals that permanently stick themselves to other ocean creatures and objects such as ships. As more of these barnacles attach themselves, they increase the ship's drag, slow its progress, and decrease its efficiency. It requires greater energy to propel itself forward and it cannot move smoothly, resulting in a bumpier ride.

Hardly anyone goes through life without picking up some. They increase the drag, slow our progress, decrease our efficiency, and can eventually sink us. Our Lord has provided a harbor where, through him, our barnacles fall away. When you get born into a family with issues, generational issues, and present issues, this has been hindering you from being that perfect person God created in you. these "things" are called barnacles.



We need to scrape off all our barnacles, then the real us will emerge. Those barnacles can be fear, self-pity, anger, jealousy, etc. You expose the darkness by the word of God. It starts with one barnacle at a time but when they are allowed to grow and multiply, they can eventually destroy us. The weight of life changes with the number of barnacles that are still attached to our hearts. If we don't spend time cleaning the barnacles, they just pile up. What's keeping us from being fully engaged or keeping us from flourishing?

LISTEN to Christ's instructions on how to do spring cleaning, Jesus will help you with the weight. Let him be the barnacle scraper: Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Real change happens in the heart. We can't expect to grow or to help others grow if we are not taking care of our hearts. Our heart can't be a wellspring if it is cold, hard, and tired.

DON'T LET SATAN MAKE YOU HIS. Remove the barnacles to stay alive.

3. Why should we always be aware of the Spider Web (Web of Temptation)? 🕸

Spiders usually spin webs to catch their dinner. When an insect, such as a fly, flies into a spider's web, it gets stuck on the sticky threads. Then the spider comes and puts its poisonous venom into the fly, and he has a good meal. Similarly, the Devil weaves a web of temptations sufficiently strong for hunting when he wants to catch a man. He always weaves his web from within and finds no member which is so suitable for hunting and deceiving as the human heart, for that is the very source of life. "

(Sermons I, 151) He starts hunting firstly by planting evil thoughts into a Christian's mind, and once he has caught a man in his web, "he begins to bind it with all sorts of temptations, to wind it in darkness until it becomes helpless and enfeebled in mind." Then he sucks out the very life of the soul.

Satan binds them and then retreats to perform more dastardly deeds upon others. We are often tempted by our desires. (Money, power, alcohol, drugs, pride, selfishness, doubting God's love and trust, etc.) The devil constantly presents these things in our path. James 1:14 says, "But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed." Satan knows our weaknesses and always tries to lure us into the web of temptation. He knew that Jesus was hungry, and so he tempted him with his immediate desire, which was food.

The web is not always visible, and it lurks in places and things we do not expect. Jesus used the word of God when he was tempted by the devil to strengthen our ammunition to fight the enemy. Let us not give in when we are caught in the web of temptation. Let us request help from God and do what the Bible has instructed us to do. Fight or run for your life and remember that God will make a way of escape for you.



4. Have you ever gotten on the wrong train?

Many trains will come into view in your life. The question you should ask yourself above all others is, "Is this the right train for me?" Life is like a big, long train journey; you can get to whatever stop you want. Sometimes it isn't what you expected, and sometimes it is. If we desire to be successful in school, we must board the trains of dedication, and attention, because the conductors of many express trains, like laziness, and quitting, are always welcoming us aboard. There is another train that passes by the lives of all people, we'll call it the Jesus train. Some ignore it, some wave it off, some get on and then get off, and some even try to derail it. The Bible says if we wish to have a relationship with God, leading to the destinations of joy in this life and heaven in the one to come, we need to "Get on the Right Train," and as we move to the second point, we need to "Stay on the Right Train."



We claim to come to Christ, but never really do and fall away for a variety of reasons, because of our love affair with the world we are jumping off and getting back on the Jesus train on a continual basis (carnal, walking in the flesh, backsliding, popularity, power, presumption, and pride. Even mature believers are tempted to momentarily jump off the train when their faith is tested during trials. It's easy to doubt God's love and kindness during periods of suffering. It's easy to question his wisdom. When people mock us for being on the Jesus train, it's easy to take a step off at the upcoming stop. It's easy to wonder if we have chosen the wrong train and they are right. Make every effort to choose Jesus's train, to enter through the narrow door. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, we will stand outside knocking and pleading, "Sir, open the door for us."

To present yourself before God, you must first choose the right train and stay on board; show your hands full of works done by you for the glory of God; and, right now, your hands are empty.

Stay on Board, Children! the journey ahead is scenic but also difficult, and temptations are a reality. Then get on board, children, get on board; there's room for many more! —Said God.

5. Which would you choose if you had the chance to choose to be the wheat or the weeds?

When we come to earth, we are given the freedom to choose between good and evil. The wheat and weeds represent the children of God and the children of the Evil One. The field is the world in which the two co-mingle. The meaning of wheat is love, charity, and producing fruit. While the meaning of weed is to hate, kill, and destroy, why would you choose to be a weed, become Satan's tool, or one of his children? Do not be fooled by him. He is deceiving you. He is making fun of you, and until you realise that it will be too late.

It is hard to tell the weed from the crop, you just have to live with the mess for a while. But at harvest time, the wheat produces grain, and the weed plants do not. Just as God has his servants to accomplish his purposes, Satan also seeks to employ individuals for his aims and goals. Satan has planted men bent toward evil in positions of authority worldwide, but God has his people there, too. Satan's most effective strategy is to appear as an angel of light so that people are deceived into thinking he will do good when he plans to do evil. In the end, his deception will be apparent when the fruit of the weeds is exposed.

Each person will choose to be either for God or against God and will be treated accordingly. God alone knows the human heart and will be their judge, not us. We ourselves are a mixture of wheat and weeds—people in desperate need of the grace of God.

God always gives time for the wicked (weeds) to show their wickedness so they can be judged in the end. God knows his good children (wheat) very well, as Satan does, and each one of them uses their children in unusual ways. God wants his children(wheat) to love, and build, while Satan chose his children to destroy, and ruin(weeds).

Lastly, we should not pass judgment on those around us, because God called Saul, which appeared to the early church to be a weed, but God called him out of the world system and used him as the apostle Paul.



6. Why is it necessary to frequently restart and clean your phone storage as much as it's necessary to restart our hearts regularly?

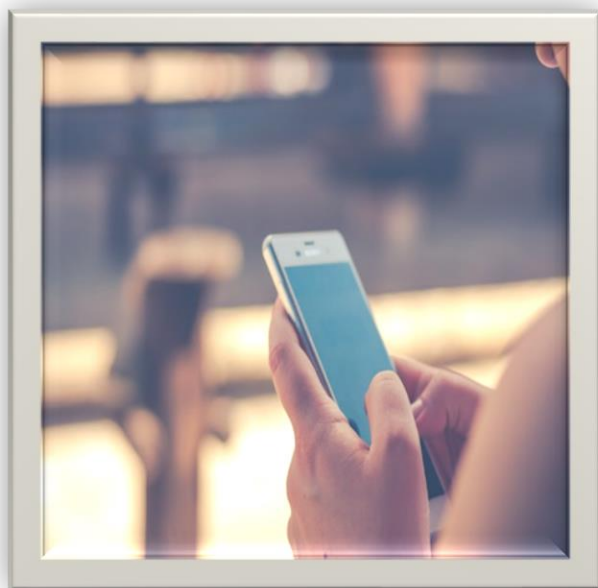
Our hearts sometimes may lose connection with God as the phones lose connection with the mobile network which can cause a lot of frustration. Your phone's storage space could be the reason for your slow Internet.

Unnecessary files can take up a lot of space on your device. Restarting forces the phones to reconnect, improves the performance of your phone, and gets rid of anything draining the phone's battery. Similarly, restarting your heart forces you to reconnect again with God, helps clear anything that drains your energy, and stops you from moving.

Do not build a ring around your heart, until you can no longer hear God when he tries to connect with you. When you start feeling proud of what you have accomplished, corrections are needed. When you want to be served instead of serving, humility needs to be restored within you. Get rid of "bitterness" and instead be compassionate (1 Peter 2:24). A tender heart is a loving, charming heart. Something must be put off and we must be made new for us to function properly. We cannot start a spiritually healthy heartbeat without first stopping our fibrillating (Anger, hate, envy, jealousy, deceitful worldly desires, material possessions, money) "Stop", "Put down" so that you can start fresh.

God is showing us signs as a warning a couple of years before any given promise-dream-vision or specific message happens, as an opportunity to start fresh again. Signs could be (Russia-Ukraine WAR, pandemics, diseases, etc.) Stop and start fresh, and let light enter your hearts. Pray much and he will take care of the rest.

"The world is cold and spiritless "as it was before the Flood," said Mother Mary.



7. When you want to go out to a restaurant, what do you look for? Do you care about how beautiful the restaurant is, or is food your main concern? What type of food do you want to eat? Healthy, junk food, Mexican, or Italian food.

It can be hard to choose a restaurant if you don't know what type of food you want to eat. We usually put a lot of time and effort into choosing where to eat and what to eat, but what is important is to choose the right restaurant to enter and dine in.

Hell is a place that looks like a restaurant that the devil tries its best to drag people into. The restaurant is full of people from different nationalities who go to enjoy their time without realizing if they have picked the right place. The food that the restaurants offer might be attractive, but it might also be poisonous. Don't be deceived. Things that appear beautiful on the outside can sometimes lead to our demise. Strive not always to be allured to eating Satan's food, no matter its attractiveness.

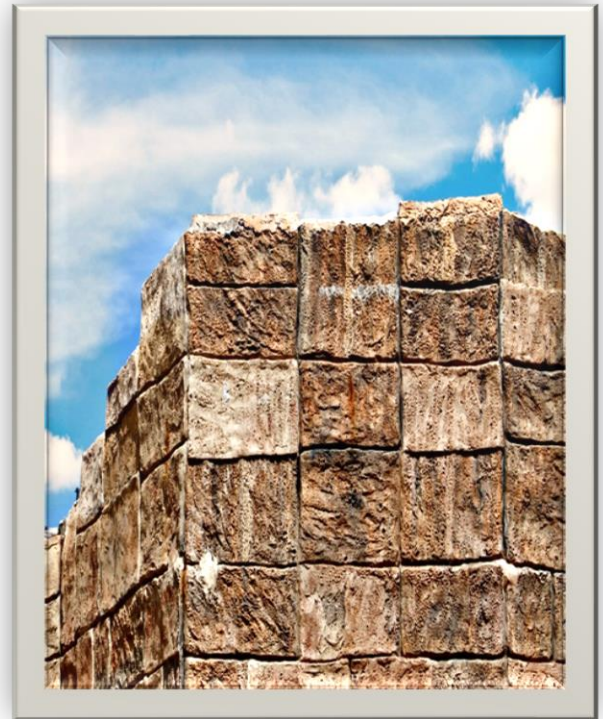
When you eat the right foods, you stay healthy, and when you eat the wrong kinds of foods, you become sick. Feed yourself with this kind of food (God's word), give it to your family daily, and direct/introduce others to eat it too. Satan's food is everywhere, on TV, on the radio, and in the streets. They are heavily marketed. Usually, they are attractively packaged, and they seem tasty, even though they are not truly rich foods, and always disappointing because it brings guilt, shame, emptiness, and death in the end.

Our hearts are deceitful and desperately sick and can lead us astray. It can lead us to the wrong restaurant. There is no way to fix the heart, rather, man needs a new heart. The heart of every problem is the problem in the heart. When you don't obey God's word, you have eaten Satan's food. Remember, you become what you eat, so please make sure you choose the right restaurant. As soon as you enter one, you might not be able to leave, and you might also drag other souls with you.



8. What is the Main Purpose of a Foundation? What Makes a Good Building Foundation?

Building strong families means our firm foundation is Jesus Christ. A home won't stand if proper materials aren't used during its construction. Some use gold, jewels, sticks or straw! That's why there is so many broken marriages/engagements. Like skilled workers, we need to do what it takes to enable our families to endure the test of time. God's design for building strong families begins with loving him more than we love our family members. He requires our first and foremost devotion. Building strong families takes a lot of time and sacrifice. Who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates if he has enough money to pay the bills? everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 'He started that building and ran out of money before it was finished Luke 14:28-30 .



what king would ever go to war without first sitting down with his counsellors and discussing whether his 10,000 army is strong enough to defeat the 20,000 men. If the decision is negative, then he will send a truce team to discuss terms of peace. Luke 14:31-32

There's a real enemy seeking to destroy. He's powerful/clever. Satan doesn't always come at us clothed in immorality, he can use people to ruin beautiful things. He knows you, he's armed/dangerous. All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock, it won't collapse when rain comes in torrents. But those who ignore them are like a foolish man who builds his house on sand, it will fall when the rain comes. Matthew 7:24-27

The choice is ours. We can build our family foundation on the solid rock of Jesus Christ(prayer) or on our own shifting sand.

9. Why is the eye the lamp of the body” (Matthew 6:22)?

Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light" (Matthew 6:22). Here our Lord describes the eye as a lamp which lights the entire body. Our eyes are the entrance to our hearts and minds, they provide a doorway to our very souls. When He referred to “good” eyes, He meant eyes that not only see well, but also perceive well. If we are in a lighted room, we see everything clearly. We can move around and locate whatever we’re looking for. But walking in darkness results in stumbling, falling, and looking for some secure thing to hang on to.

Our eyes can be used to see that which is good or evil, and the things we see and perceive affect our whole being. If we perceive goodness, that will radiate outward from within our hearts and minds. But if we allow our eyes to linger on evil, we are so affected by what we see that darkness actually begins to emanate from within and can corrupt us and those around us. Satan's intention is to corrupt our minds, and he uses our eyes to gain entrance to our hearts. Then we must commit to being careful where we allow our eyes to go. We guard our hearts and souls by guarding our eyes (e.g. from movies, material possessions, social media, looking at other's goods).



10. Do you reap what you sow? Sow kindness, and you will reap good

Part of Adam’s curse was that the ground would bring forth thorns in response to his work “by the sweat of your brow you will eat your food” (Genesis 3:19). Those who plant wickedness, will harvest disaster,” King Solomon (Proverbs 22:8).

God loves you deeply but because of your negative choices, you have consequences, but he will be with you through it. What a person sows and the care he gives to planting it determines the type of harvest. Do not sow for your body, but sow for your eternal life. The Lord wants to sow and reap with the heart, not with the world. It’s true in agriculture and in life choices. Graciously, we do not always reap what we sow. God reserves the right to show mercy and compassion on whomever he will. When Job was suffering, his friends considered the trouble as a just punishment from God for some secret sin. Job was not reaping what he had sown. The harvest had not come yet—and it would not come until the end of the book (Job 42:10–17)



Experiencing negative circumstances does not necessarily mean we have sown negative things. The principle of reaping and sowing is generally true, but not always at work in every situation in the way we might expect. When we are selfish, proud, unjust, and sinful, we are “sowing to the flesh,” and destruction awaits. But when we are selfless, kind, and depending on God’s provision, we are “sowing to the Spirit” and will reap eternal life.

We sowed iniquity and corruption, and Jesus reaped our punishment on the cross. His love is fertile ground.

11. What to do when we don’t know what to do? Where do we turn when we don’t know what direction to go? Have you ever had to ask that question?

There are hundreds of road signs to keep drivers safe. They indicate when to stop, go the right way, and slow down. They warn of curbs and hills ahead. They alert drivers about railroad crossings and slippery roads and are ways to communicate with drivers when they are behind the wheel. God's word is also full of road signs indicating when to go, stop, and slow down. Just as you need to obey the road signs when driving, you need to obey God's road signs that are found throughout the Bible. God has placed road signs along the Christian journey to give us direction, to keep us safe, to warn us, and to keep us on the right path as we reach for a greater understanding and appreciation of Jesus Christ. People are not allowed to drive unless they have a driver's license. They will not get a license unless they pass a driving test. They will not pass the test unless they know the road signs.





Sign 1 –

There are things that God wants us to stop doing and start doing something else. It protects us from moving into a potentially dangerous situation. A stop sign from God is an opportunity to think about what we are doing and consider the consequences.

John 5:14 "Stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you."

John 6:43 "Stop grumbling among yourselves."

John 7:24 "Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."

John 20:27 "Stop doubting and believe."



Sign 2

When driving, the yield sign means that we must give priority to another person.

This bothers us because we all feel that we are more important than anyone else.

But God calls us to give priority to Him and to humble ourselves to serve others.

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



Sign 3 – No U Turn

U-turns can be helpful when we are driving and suddenly realize that we are heading in the wrong direction. Christians can be tempted to get off the right road and return to the life they left behind. God is pleased when we trust Him and do not give in to doubts. Once we have committed ourselves to God, there should be no turning back to our old way of life.

Hebrews 10:38 "And my righteous ones will live by faith." "But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away." Luke 9:62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Proverbs 4:14 Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers.



Sign 4

Every road has a posted speed limit. When we go over the speed limit, intentionally or accidentally, we can be stopped by the police and given a speeding ticket. The speed limit is posted for a reason and is enforced for the good of those who use the road. In a similar way, God often places speed limits on His people. Often, for no apparent reason, God will command us to "slow down." But God has a purpose in mind for the delay, that we might not be able to see. Be patient. Trust the plan of God when He asks you to slow down and wait. Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the LORD; be strong, take heart, and wait for the LORD." 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness." Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

There is purgatory on earth as well as in hell. We are already punishing ourselves here on earth when we do not stop when we are supposed to stop or slow when we are supposed to slow. Every time we make bad decisions and are disobedient to God, we are punishing ourselves here on earth and living a desperate life. God doesn't hate anyone; he loves everyone, but he can't handle our sick life any longer; the darkness of our hearts is the source of our terrible decisions, which have led to a terrible life. As you wish for a good life for yourself, wish for the same for others. Be a blessing to others in the same way that you would like God to bless you. Follow the road signs (the Bible's teachings). Purgatory is like summer school. Typically, someone needs summer school to repeat a subject that wasn't mastered the first time. If everyone passed every subject, there would be no real need for summer school.

The same is true with purgatory. God gives each of us the complete means to become saints here on earth. If we don't complete the work in this life, God, in his mercy, gives us the chance to make it up in purgatory. Father Dwight Longnecker. God just wants you to ask him or talk to him; you must continually ask him, and he will show you the path.

12. Is God peeling away some unpleasant areas of your life? Is he revealing some things that need your attention?

"Recovery is like an onion." Peeled in order to heal: "All the layers have to be peeled away." Life is like an onion; you peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep. Onions are part of a group of plants, and as an onion is peeled or chopped, it releases gas into the air that irritates our eyes and causes tears. The more you cut the onion, the more you cry. "Peeling" of the soul leads to healing of the soul. The Lord is the one who strips away the dead layers in us and uncovers areas of hurt and pain to get to the deeper levels where his grace can make us new. We all accumulate layers around our souls as a result of repeated choices about how we cope with life. Painful experiences can leave memories that continue to enclose and bind us. The husk surrounding us must be shed for us to grow.

Through God's love and forgiveness, these layers are peeled away. We grow and experience healing, and we find a new love for God. Personal prayer and the sacrament both help us to recognize the many layers of our soul, to entrust ourselves to Christ's loving care. God keeps peeling away the layers until the real us is revealed. He uses adversity in our life to scrape away the layers that cover our real life. God says when he brings great disaster upon you, there will be no time to pack a bag filled with ego, self-centeredness, or materialism. He'll let you escape, but only with Jesus's clothes on your back. God needs to work on a deeper heart issue in order to be able to more fully address the problem or the symptoms that we are concerned about. God sees each and every other layer that needs to be peeled back. The core issue can be hidden under layers and layers. God knows the roots of our pain. Will you trust Him to gently peel back the layers? even those deep ones? When we allow God to peel back the many layers of our life, the irritating areas of brokenness that are uncovered often bring tears too. God starts in the heart of a person—in the core of their being—and works outward. He knows that if the root cause is not dealt with, a person's behaviour may change, but the real problem remains. Those who learn to praise the lord will find the strength they need to press through their problems to experience his glory on earth. Pray in the Spirit and obey his instructions. The work of transformation is not our work; we have to allow God to revamp us.



13. Why do you have to keep it clean?

Just like our carpets continue to collect dust and dirt, our hearts, and spiritual lives do the same. The more GOD purges, the more we notice new areas that need cleansing. God desires to sear our hearts with the hot coals of his presence. Our spiritual carpet collects bags of filth until one day we have an encounter we'll never forget. God brings us to our knees, rolling over us with his vacuum, sucking out all the junk. He won't let his children rest comfortably with dirty hearts. We do not want the light to get into our lives because it shows all our dirt. No matter how hard we try to clean ourselves we cannot get as clean as what the Lord can get us. How many of you would leave a baby's dirty diaper on? Of course, you wouldn't.

We cannot become like that old dirty carpet and hold on to things that will harm us. For if we hold on to the dirt in our lives it will begin to tear us down just like that carpet.



James 1:14-15 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions.

Jesus talking to St Faustina (Diary of Saint Faustina)

If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. Souls without love and without devotion, souls full of egoism and self-love, souls full of pride and arrogance, souls full of deceit and hypocrisy, lukewarm souls who have just enough warmth to keep them alive: no one shall escape My Hand; if they run away from My merciful Heart, they will fall into My Just Hands.

God is merciful he is well-pleased only with the humble(tender-hearted), He always opposes the proud. Put yourself and your family under the care of Mother Mary and Jesus, Mary will never turn her face to anyone who asks for her protection. Give Jesus the knowledge and consent to be under his care. Consult the heart of Jesus and your heart will be consulted in return. Pray the divine mercy chaplet. Lean on him. God is abundant. Ask him what you want and tell him what you desire. Serve the lord as possible as you can. End your life on earth with a feeling of satisfaction that you lived it in a way that is pleasing to God.