

# Worth of Souls

A Deep Dive into Living the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ



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## Lesson 7



## Thought Habit #5

Using Enticements  
For Spiritual Growth

# Everything In This Life Is A Stewardship

## Everything means EVERYTHING

- Assets (house, cars, furniture, investments, retirement, savings, etc.)
- Bills (medical, bankruptcy, house payment, car payment, IRS, etc.)
- Relationships (spouse, children, parents, siblings, grandchildren, etc.)
- Body (eating, exercising, cleaning, sleeping, hobbies, etc.)
- Callings (leadership, primary, presidencies, ministering, cleaning the church, etc.)
- Job/Civic/Community (political views, relationships with co-workers, volunteer work, commute, WFH, etc.)
- OUR TIME

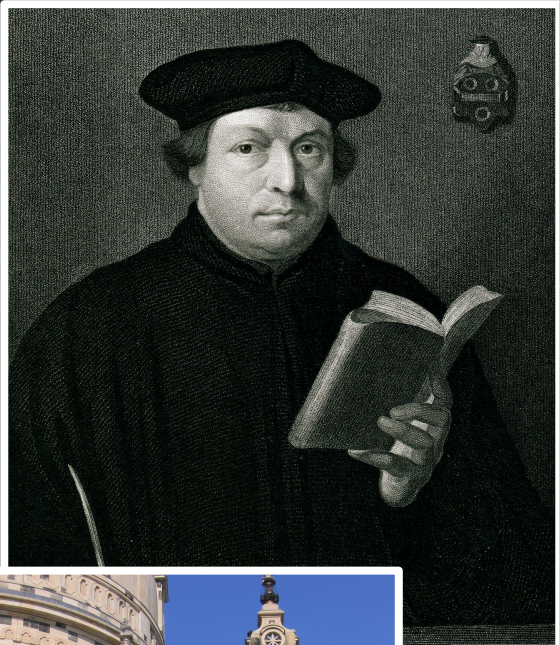


“In the Church, stewardship is *not* limited to a *temporal* trust or responsibility. President Spencer W. Ball said: “We are stewards over our bodies, minds, families, and property. A faithful steward is one who exercises righteous dominion, cares for his own, and looks to the poor and needy.” - Cook, Oct 2009

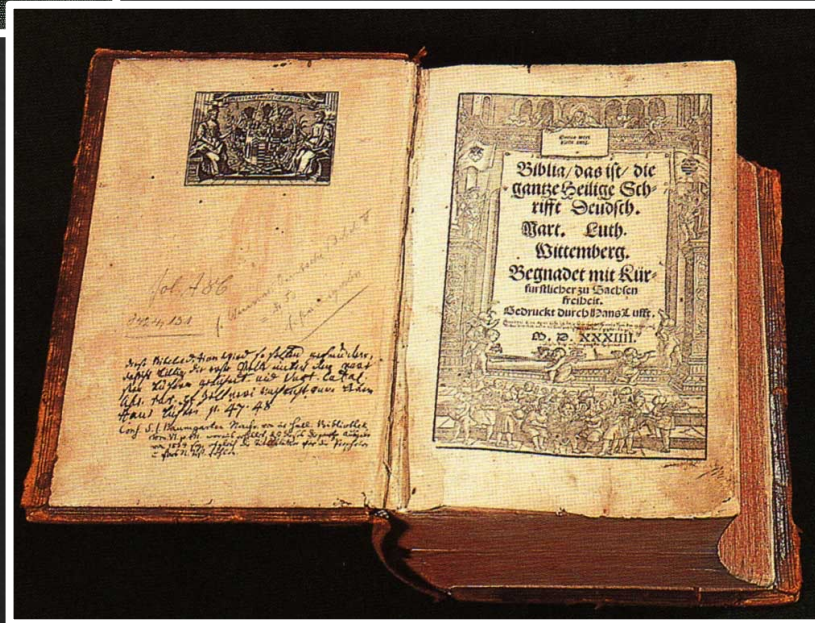


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*“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess”.*



Martin Luther

“Rheumatoid Arthritis is an auto-immune disease that I have had to deal with for years. Needless to say it hasn’t been fun, and there have been many times that I have felt very picked on. I asked myself things like “Why do I have to deal with this problem?” or I’d say things in my mind like “my body is worthless.” When I learned about stewardships and looking at my arthritis as the LORD’S – not mine, it was a HUGE light bulb moment for me. Somehow, being able to see things this way eased my conscience and helped me to reframe my mindset. The Lord chose to give me the stewardship of arthritis. It wasn’t a punishment, it was a learning tool. I stopped comparing myself and what I couldn’t do and started focusing on the things I COULD do and doing them for the Lord. I am RELYING on Jesus like I never dreamed of before. I am learning things within this stewardship that are worthy to share, and they have proven to be a blessing to many people that I’ve been able to counsel with and help with their own struggles.” - Brooke

“After learning that I own nothing and everything in this world belongs to the Lord, I had to do some major adjustments in caring for the financial stewardship that God has placed in my hands. In the past my wife and I would give to different charities just whenever we felt like it. And of course, we paid a full tithe, also without thinking much of it. Now I realize I have a MUCH greater responsibility to check in with the Lord EVERY SINGLE TIME and find out what HE wants me to do with HIS money. Every penny of His money I spend, I am accountable for. I now understand that before I was acting much like the rich young man in the Bible that hadn’t given his full heart to Lord. It feels WONDERFUL knowing I am holding nothing back from how HE would have me use this stewardship.” - Craig

# 12 Thought Habits Of Christ

1. Holy Ghost  
Confirming Daily I  
Am On The Path

2. Separating My  
Worth from My  
Performance

3. Using Daily  
Performance For  
Spiritual Growth

4. Viewing  
Everything in this  
World as a  
Stewardship

5. Using  
Enticements For  
Spiritual Growth

6. Being Truly  
Grateful During  
Adversity

7. I Have Power  
Over What I Think,  
Feel, & Do

8. I Have No Power  
Over What Others  
Think, Feel, & Do

9. Daily  
Repentance: Turn  
Back To God &  
Live

10. Choosing Godly  
Sorrow Keeps Me  
Spiritually Focused

11. Love God With  
All My Heart, Mind  
& Soul

12. Forgiving &  
Judging Righteously  
Help Me Progress



## Be Prepared To Meet Him!

# What Are Enticements?

“Wherefore, the Lord God gave unto man that he should act for himself. Wherefore, man could not act for himself save it should be that he was enticed by the one or the other.” - 2Nephi 2:16

Food  
Children Fighting  
Neighbors  
Messy House  
Drivers  
Health Problems  
Coworkers  
Spouse  
Dumb People

Politicians  
Bad Habits  
Social Media  
Road Construction  
Laundry  
Calling Customer Service  
Bathroom Scale  
Interruptions  
Bad Hair Day

Losing Hair  
Happenstance  
Sickness/Health Problems  
Being Late  
Technology Problems  
Child Practicing an Instrument  
... anything that annoys/bugs/  
bothers/triggers you

Enticements are designed to force us to chose dozens of times each day if we will focus spiritually or temporally

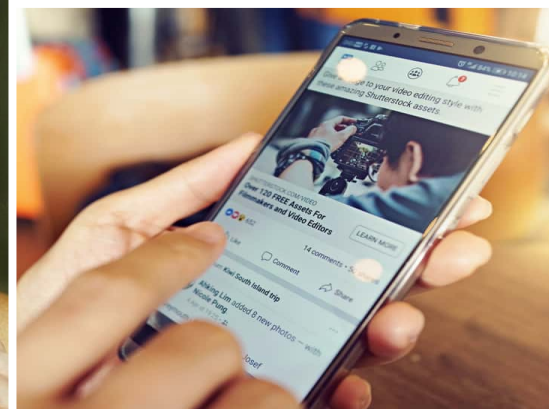
Spiritual  
World

When We Use  
Enticements For  
Spiritual Growth

Inner  
World

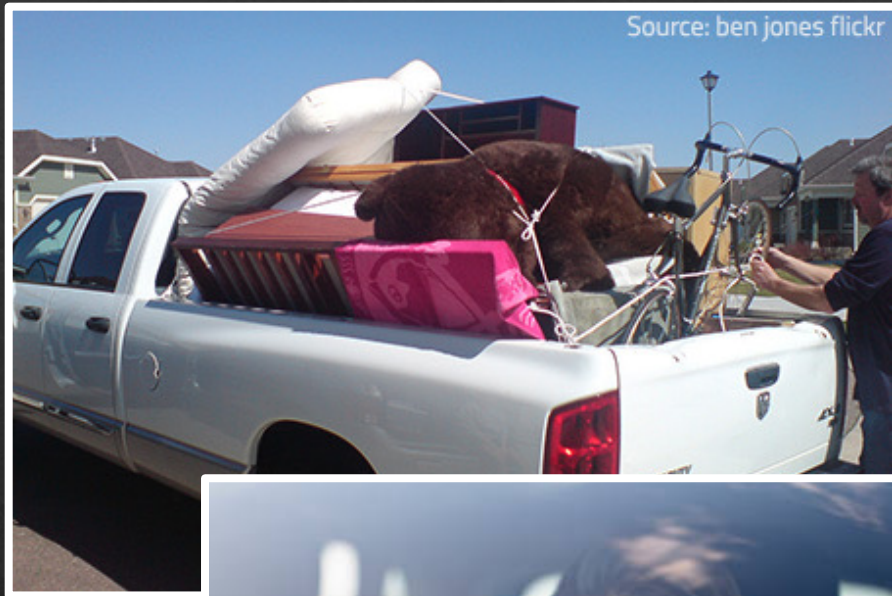
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When Our  
Enticements  
Hook Us





# Enticements In Real Life



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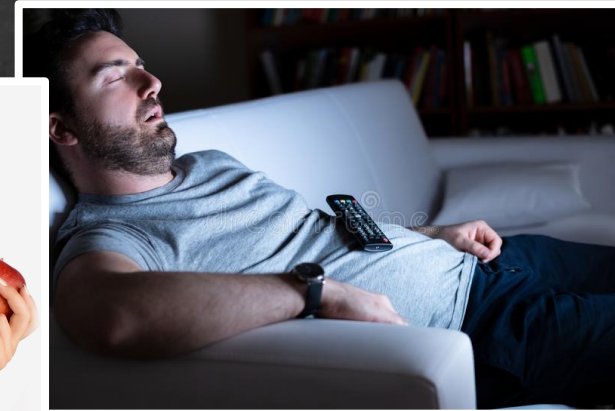
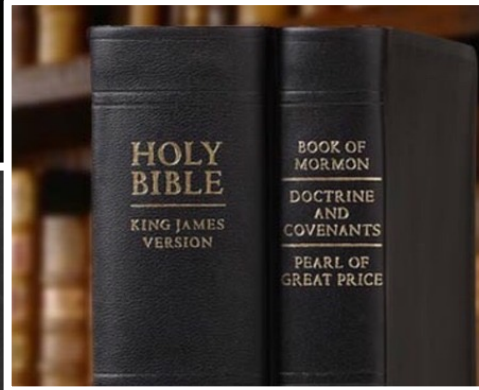
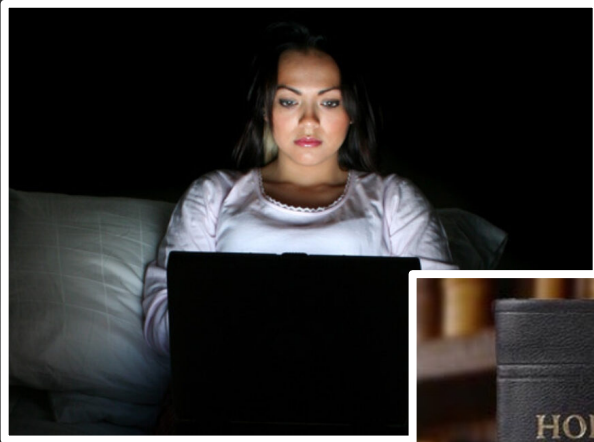
# Enticements Are Our Training For The Adversities That Will Come

## 1 Nephi 18: 9-21

16 Nevertheless, I did look unto my God, and I did praise him all the day long; and I did not murmur against the Lord because of mine afflictions.



# Mastering the Physical Body



“The greatest conflict that any man or woman will ever have ... will be the battle that is had with self,” explaining that Satan, “the enemy of our souls,” attacks us through “the lusts, the appetites, the ambitions of the flesh.” So the primary battle is between our divine and spiritual nature and the carnal natural man. Brothers and sisters, remember, we can receive spiritual help through the influence of the Holy Ghost that can “teach you all things.” - *Ballard - OCT 2019*

# Spiritual Growth Is Harder Without The Body

“I grant you that the righteous dead will be at peace, but I tell you that when we go out of this life, leave this body, we will desire to do many things that we cannot do at all without the body. We will be seriously handicapped and we will long for the body; we will pray for the early reunion with our bodies. We will know then what advantage it is to have a body.

Then every man and woman who is putting off until the next life the task of correcting and overcoming the weaknesses of the flesh are sentencing themselves to years of bondage, for no man or woman will come forth in the resurrection until he has completed his work, until he has overcome, until he has done as much as he can do...



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... The point I have in mind is that we are sentencing ourselves to long periods of bondage, separating our spirits from our bodies, or we are shortening that period, according to the way in which we overcome and master ourselves.”

A man may receive the priesthood and all its privileges and blessings but until he learns to overcome the flesh, his temper, his tongue, his disposition to indulge in the things God has forbidden, he cannot come into the Celestial Kingdom of God-he must overcome either in this life or in the life to come.

It is my judgment that a man or woman can do more to conform to the laws of God in one year in this life than they could in ten years when they are dead.”

- “The Three Degrees of Glory,” Melvin J. Ballard



## Can You Experience Anxiety or Depression and Maintain Spiritual Focus?



“It is true that some have greater power of resistance than others, but everyone has the power to close his heart against doubt, against darkness, against unbelief, against depression, against anger, against hatred, against jealousy, against malice, against envy. God has given this power by calling upon Him for that which we lack.” – George Q. Cannon, Gospel Truth

“If men come unto me I will show unto them their weakness. I give unto men weakness that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then I will make weak things become strong unto them.” - *Either 12:27*

# In Christ There Is Always Healing

“Though we may feel we are “like a broken vessel,” as the Psalmist says, we must remember, that vessel is in the hands of the divine potter. Broken minds can be healed just the way broken bones and broken hearts are healed. While God is at work making those repairs, the rest of us can help by being merciful, nonjudgmental, and kind.” - *Holland, Oct 2013*



“Addressing Mental Health” - Erich W. Kopischke

“Through Cloud And Sunshine Lord, Abide With Me” - Sister Aburto

“Like A Broken Vessel” - Jeffrey R. Holland



# God's Curriculum for Spiritual Growth



**We Are All Together In God's  
One-Room School House**

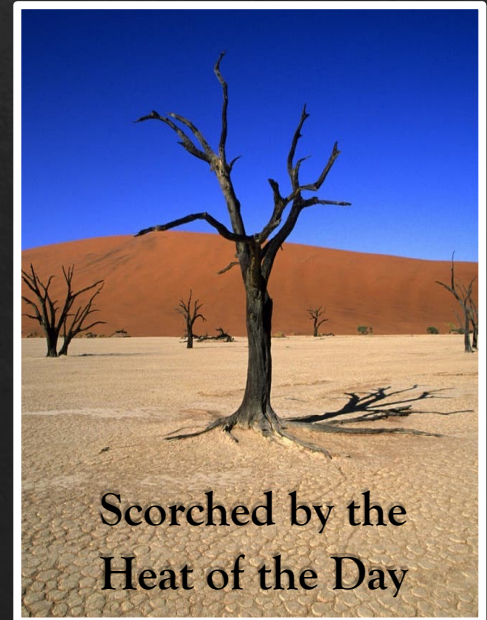
“In fact, adequacy in the first estate may merely have ensured a stern, second estate with more duties and no immunities! Additional tutoring and suffering appears to be the pattern for the Lord’s most apt pupils. Our existence, therefore, is a continuum matched by God’s stretching curriculum.” - *Maxwell, Oct 1985*

“For the natural man is an enemy to God, ... unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.” - *Mosiah 3:19*

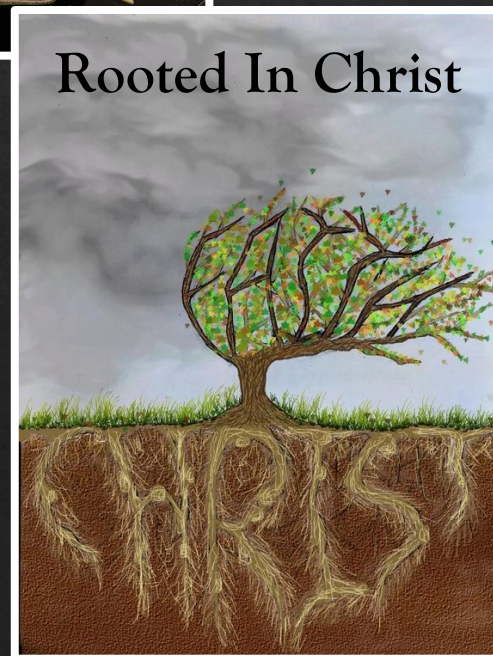
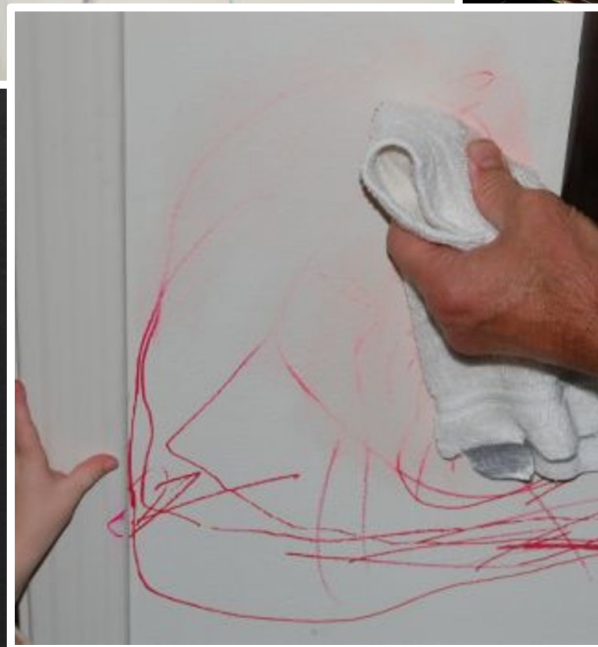
“Why do we resist and resent life’s developmental and obedience tests? By declaring, ‘I will walk in my own way and do that which is right in my own eyes,’ we reject the curriculum of the mortal school in which we are irrevocably enrolled” - *Maxwell, Oct 1998*



# “Bad Work Day”



# "The Writing on the Wall"





# Seed: Enticements Are Part of God's Curriculum and I Use Them For Spiritual Growth

Awake and  
Arouse Your  
Faculties

“See”

Review

2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 2:16  
Mosiah 3:19  
Alma 34: 32-34  
D&C 45:17  
D&C 138:50

“Giving Our Spirits Control Over  
Our Bodies” - Ballard  
“Three Degrees of Glory” - Melvin  
Ballard  
“Like a Broken Vessel” - Holland  
“Addressing Mental Health” -  
Kopischke

Exercise a  
Particle of  
Faith

“Think”

Identify what your  
personal top FIVE  
enticements are.

Write them down  
and write the  
response you  
WANT to give  
when they happen  
so you are prepared.

Desire to  
Believe &  
Let the  
Desire Work  
in You

“Feel”

Pray to gain a  
testimony that  
enticements are  
God's curriculum  
for this world, and  
for our benefit.

Pray for  
confirmation of  
the spiritual fruit  
it brings in your  
life.

Give Place  
For a  
Portion of  
My Words

“Do”

Search  
~  
Ponder  
~  
Pray

Don't Cast  
it Out By  
Unbelief

Enticements are  
going to  
continually come.  
Satan will try to  
hook you when  
you handle them  
positively or  
negatively.  
Remember work  
on Separating  
Worth from  
Performance.

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