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# WISE LIVING // A FOOLISH WORLD

Discover God's Wisdom for Today's Challenges

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Today's Wisdom Thought is:

**“I MAY BE DOWN  
BUT I’M NEVER OUT!”**

**2 Corinthians 4:8,9** — We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> Persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

**Ezekiel 28:13** (NKJV) — You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the Sardis, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.

**TEMPTATION from the DEVIL is meant to take you down and destroy you!**  
**TESTING by the LORD is meant to LIFT you up and ELEVATE you higher into the presence of God on a daily basis!**

## **1<sup>st</sup> IS THIS TROUBLE FROM THE DEVIL?**

**2 Corinthians 12:7b-10** — Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecution, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> IS THIS TROUBLE I’M EXPERIENCING A RESULT OF MY OWN CHOICES?**

**Luke 15:11-16** — Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons, <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> IS THIS TRIAL FROM THE LORD?**

**Job 13:15a** - Though he slay me, yet will I hope in Him!

**Job 42:10a,12a** — After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part.