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WAY of ESCAPE

1Corinthians 10:13* There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation **also make a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear it.

I am sure that all of us at one time or another have wondered where this way of escape is, as you sure could use it in the situation your struggling with now or have in the past.

The battlefield for Satan's victories starts in our minds. I am sure we have all heard the saying: " A drunken mans words are a Sober mans thoughts ".

Well so it is with us, we get a pain in our joints and what is the **FIRST** thing you think of: "my dad had arthritis real bad and now it looks like I'm getting it", **THEN we clinch the symptom by confessing it.** If you SAY it, you are giving Satan permission to afflict you with arthritis.

Proverbs 17:27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

NIV A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

Your thoughts are not your downfall, it is WHAT you do with those thoughts. IF you dwell on them then you soon react to them.

Proverbs 23:7* **For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:** Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

The KEY is to discipline your mind and claim the

promises of Gods word. Mind you in order to do this you must READ Gods word.

Psalms 119:11* Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

2Timothy 2:15* Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Salvation is free Ephesians 2:8* For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

BUT living a victorious Christian life takes obedience to the Holy Spirit. You see, the holy spirit will convict us when we do or say something against his will. But he will also give us the power to overcome it if we **Act** or do something. **We** have the responsibility to repent and make changes **Or** ignore the convictions until they become less and less and eventually stop. **Result** - disobedience - death or hell.

It is what you SAY that comes to pass,

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say unto this mountain**, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

You see, you have to SAY or speak unto your mountain, wether it be arthritis, cancer, cold, flu, or immoral thought. Whatever it is, you command it to go and it has to.

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

The main thing to realize is that **YOU** have to discipline your thoughts and **SPEAK** to them the word of God. In other words, find the appropriate scripture that applies to your situation and !!!!!

1/ speak it out loud to yourself (to instill faith in Gods word in you)

2/ speak it out loud to Satan (so he knows you know gods word and aren't afraid to use it)

3/ speak it to God (so he knows you believe his word and as a gentle reminder of HIS promises for you)

So in a nutshell, the way of escape that God promises is:

DON'T let your carnal mind or thoughts control you or your well being, when symptoms first arise, take authority over them in Jesus name and the word of God.

It is much easier to have victory over a symptom (**aches, pains or thoughts**) rather than a full blown attack by Satan especially when you gave him permission to afflict you by **SAYING**, oh I guess I have arthritis, cancer, MS or some other thing.

Who do you believe ?? The Dr, the test, the symptom or the promises of God.

John 14:13-15 **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

Very few people will believe this is the way of escape the

bible talks about. As we have to retrain our brain because we were taught that we cannot escape the common cold, flu or sicknesses of what we call nature,
(Wrong)

Psalms 91: 5-10 **Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; (the Satanic powered world) nor for the arrow that flieth by day; (Temptations of Satan) Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; (natural sickness) nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. (natural disasters)**

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

As I said, Salvation is free but then we have to **overcome** the temptations **and keep his teachings.**

1John 3:24* And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1John 4:4* Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

I trust this answers your question.
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