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**Luke 1:45** *And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.*

**Introduction:** The connection between God speaking His directives and the performance of His Word is our “Unwavering Belief.”

1. **Satan’s great deception: Did God say?**
2. **Truth God’s weapon against doubt**
3. **“Unwavering Belief” is the assurance of performance**

### 1. Satan’s great deception: Did God say?

**Genesis 2:15** *And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: <sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. <sup>18</sup> And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

- **Satan sows doubt**

**Genesis 3:1** *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? <sup>2</sup> And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

- **Deception from the seeds of doubt**

<sup>4</sup> *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: <sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. <sup>6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

- **The lens of deception**

**Hebrews 3:13** *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

**1 John 2:16** *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

**A. False Security:** Sin often lulls individuals into a false sense of security, making them believe that their actions have no consequences. In **Jeremiah 7:8-10**, the Israelites are rebuked for trusting in deceptive words, thinking they can continue in sin without repercussions.

**B. Rationalization:** Sin encourages rationalization, where one may justify their actions despite knowing they are wrong. **Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)** *There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*  
Don’t rely on human wisdom over divine guidance.

**C. Gradual Hardening:** The deceitfulness of sin

leads to a gradual hardening of the heart, making repentance and return to God increasingly difficult. **Ephesians 4:18-19** describes those who are “darkened in their understanding” and have “given themselves over to sensuality,” revealing the progressive nature of sin’s deceit.

### 2. Truth - God’s weapon against doubt

- **God’s Word is truth**

**John 17:17** *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

**John 8:31 (NLT)** *Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my (Word) teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

- **Seek Truth: Immersing yourself in God’s Word is essential for discerning truth from deception.**

**Psalm 119:11** *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. This emphasizes the protective power of Scripture.*

- **Guard Your Heart**

**1 Peter 5:8** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

- **Satan the father of all lies**

**John 8:44 (NLT)** *For you are the children of your father **the devil**, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is **no truth in him**. **When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies***

**Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)** ***Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.** Protecting one's heart from deceitful influences is crucial for maintaining spiritual integrity.*

- **Rely on the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit provides guidance and conviction which Helps you recognize and resist sin's deceit.**

**John 16:13 (NKJV)** *However, **when He, the Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

- **Engage in Community: Fellowship with other believers produces love, accountability and good works.**

**Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV)** *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

### **3. “Unwavering Belief” is the assurance of performance**

**1 John 4:16** *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

- **Fight the fight of faith**

**1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)** *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

**Ephesians 6:10** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> **Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.** <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: <sup>18</sup> **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;***

- **Persist until you prevail**

**Hebrews 6:12** *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

**Hebrews 6:13** *For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, <sup>14</sup> Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. <sup>15</sup> And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. <sup>16</sup> For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. <sup>17</sup> Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: <sup>18</sup> That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, **we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:** <sup>19</sup> **Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;** <sup>20</sup> Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec*

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## **Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes and Offerings:**

**Hebrews 7:8 (NKJV)** *Here mortal men receive tithes, but there He receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*

**Malachi 3:10** *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. <sup>11</sup> And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.*