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Defeating Your Daily Demons

(Understanding why smart people do really stupid things)

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"No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself **WILL NOT BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE PRIZE.**" (1 Cor. 9:27 NIV)

3 Nasty Little Hobbits

The hobbit of **unresolved anger.**

"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." (James 1:19-20)

"Make every effort to **live in peace with all men** and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no **bitter root grows** up to cause trouble and defile many." (Heb 12:14-15)

Do you **suppress** it?

Do you **project** it?

Do you **expose** it?

"You intended to harm me, but **GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Gen 50:20 NIV)

The hobbit of **unwanted pain.**

"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the work of God might be **displayed** in his life.'" (John 9:1-3 NIV)

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (James 1:2-5 NIV)

I will **become better, not bitter.**

"Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes. His wife said to him, '**ARE YOU STILL HOLDING ON TO YOUR INTEGRITY?** Curse God and die!'" (Job 2:8-9 NIV)

I will **learn something, not recycle old attitudes.**

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you." (Rom 12:2 TLB)

The hobbit of **unmet expectations.**

Your **stuff** will disappoint you.

"Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle." (Prov 23:5 NIV)

Your **friends and family** will disappoint you.

"Stop and think! Have you ever known a truly good and innocent person who was punished?" (Job 4:7 TLB)

"... or Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me. . . ." (2 Tim 4:10 NIV)

3 Magnificent Obsessions

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes--I, and not another. **HOW MY HEART YEARNS WITHIN ME!**" (Job 19:25-27 NIV)

The **hunger** to know His **heart.**

"For the Scriptures tell us that no one who believes in Christ **WILL EVER BE DISAPPOINTED.**" (Rom 10:11 TLB)

The **courage** to trust His **love.**

"For the director of music. A psalm of David. How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death; my enemy will say, 'I have overcome him,' and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me." (Psa 13 NIV)

The **passion** to follow where He **leads.**