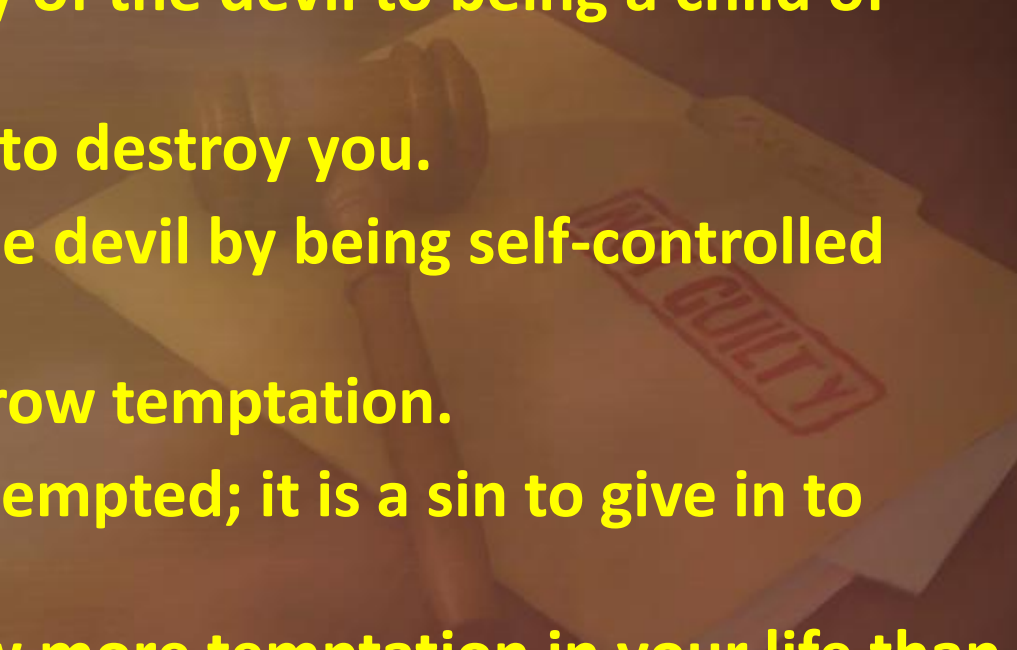


Sustaining Grace

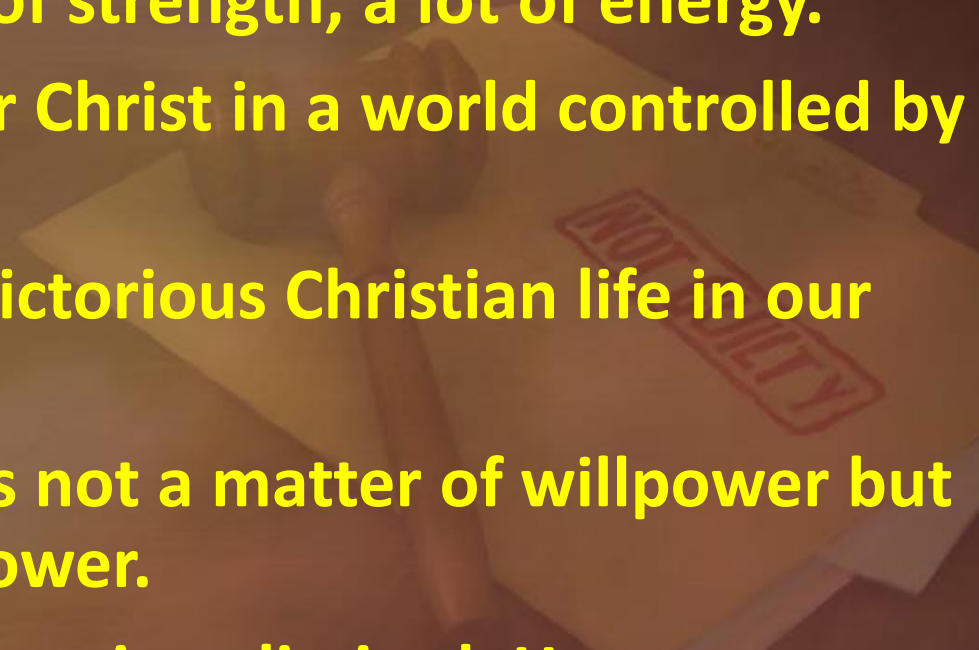
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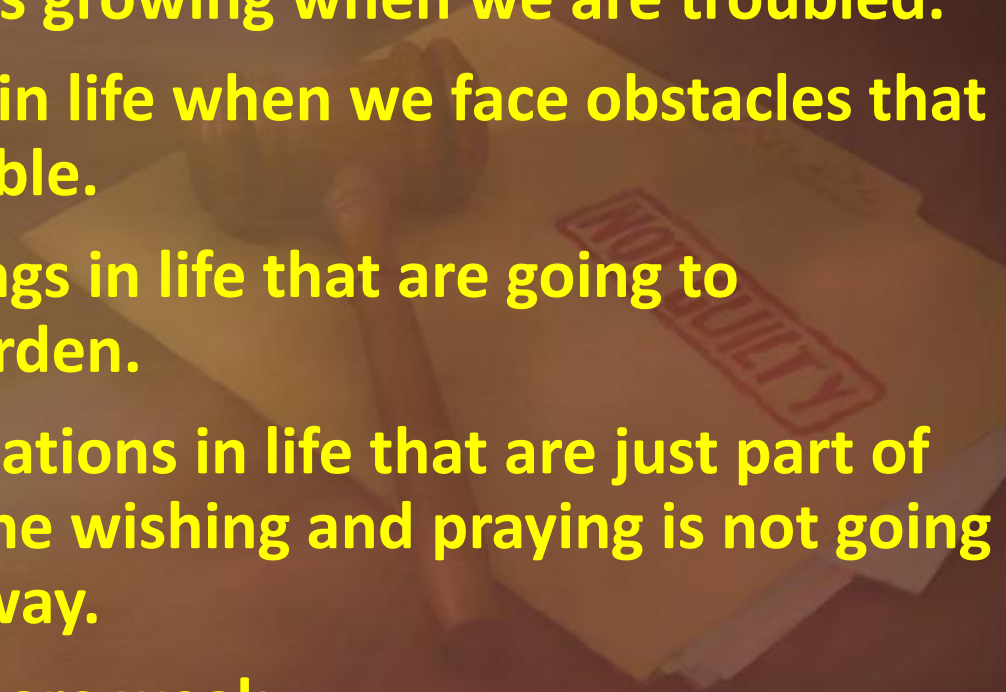
Keeps Me Grounded

- When you accepted God's gift of salvation, you went from being property of the devil to being a child of God.
 - The devil is looking to destroy you.
 - We stand against the devil by being self-controlled and alert.
 - You will never outgrow temptation.
 - It is not a sin to be tempted; it is a sin to give in to temptation.
 - God will never allow more temptation in your life than you can handle.
 - The greatest way to handle temptation is to have an accountability partner.
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Keeps Me Going

- Life requires a lot of strength, a lot of energy.
 - It is hard to live for Christ in a world controlled by the devil.
 - We cannot live a victorious Christian life in our own strength.
 - The Christian life is not a matter of willpower but a matter of God power.
 - Because God's power is unlimited, He never gets tired.
 - God's grace is a sustaining grace.
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- A wooden gavel is positioned diagonally across a stack of papers. A prominent red stamp with the words "NOT GUILTY" is visible on the top sheet of paper. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Keeps Me Growing

- God's grace keeps us growing when we are troubled.
 - There will be times in life when we face obstacles that seem unsurmountable.
 - There are some things in life that are going to continue to be a burden.
 - There are some situations in life that are just part of our world, and all the wishing and praying is not going to make them go away.
 - God knows that we are weak.
 - God gives us the grace we need for each day with the promise, *'More to follow.'*
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Conclusion

- We need to cry out to God for His sustaining grace.
- As long as you pretend to be self sufficient you short circuit God's power in your life.
- The Lord has more need of our weakness than of our strength.
- We need to be students of God's word.
- One of the primary ways that God sustains us through trials is through the ministry of others.
- God never meant for us to go through life on our own.
- We need to accept support from God's people.