# RESOURCES TO STAYING STEDFAST IN FAITH

(Eph. 4:17-32)

## 1. THE WORD OF GOD

(Psalm 119:11) "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:105) "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, a light to my pathway" (Psalm 37:31) "The law of his God is in his heart, none of his steps shall slide" (1 John 2:1) "these things write I unto you, that ye sin not ..." (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10)

#### 2. PRAYER

(Matthew 6:13) "deliver us from evil"
(2 Peter 2:9) "The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation"
Plaque: "Prayer Changes Things" and "Prayer Changes Me"

## 3. THOUGHTS OF GOD

Jesus' attitude: (John 4:34) "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me"
(John 5:30) "I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me"
(Gen. 39:9) "how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

# 4. REVERENT FEAR OF GOD

"Reverent fear" - to be in awe; respect for His position, power, and ability to do. (Proverbs 3:7) "Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Prov. 16:6; Ecc. 12:13; Heb. 10:31)

#### 5. THE LOVE OF GOD

(2 Cor. 5:11) "Therefore knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men ... "
(v14) "For the love of Christ constrains us ... "
"Terror" and "love" are two motivating factors moving us to stedfastness.
(John 15:13) "Greater love has no man than this ... "

### 6. KNOWING THAT OTHERS CARE ABOUT ME

Others in our life that care: spouse; parents; children; friends; etc. God: (1 Peter 5:7) "... He cares for you"

- 7. KEEP GOOD COMPANY: (Ex. 23:2; Neh. 13:26; 1 Cor. 15:33; Amos 3:3)
- 8. KNOWING WE WILL MEET GOD: (Amos 4:12)