

BE STRONG

Part 1 – In Spirit
January 7, 2018

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Soil Test

✓ I want _____.

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(Proverbs 23:7 NKJV) For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...

(Proverbs 4:23 NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

A Strong Spirit

(1 Corinthians 16:13) Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1. I will _____.

(Matthew 26:41) Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

2. I will _____.

(Matthew 6:22-23) The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness.

(Psalm 37:3-5) Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.

3. I will _____.

(1 Peter 5:5-6) ...clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

(Romans 12:3) Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought...

(Matthew 11:29) Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

4. I will _____.

(2 Corinthians 12:9-10) But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me... For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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