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1. "Lust of the flesh" – our \_\_\_\_\_.
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## SHUT THE DOOR

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(Proverbs 5:7-10) Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel, lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another.

(Romans 6:12-14 Message) That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

Say \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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(Malachi 3:10-11 NKJV) "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts.

Give God the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

(Revelation 3:7-8) What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My word and have not denied My Name.

(John 3:30) Jesus must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

Develop a lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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