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**Imagine That**

Mark 11:22-24 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. (23) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. (24) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (KJV)

You know, when you made that prayer request to God He heard you, and yes He actually heard you the first time you made it. Our Lord is not hard of hearing, or too busy to give ear to your requests, however, once you have made them it is now time to hold fast your profession of faith without wavering; because if one becomes double minded then they won’t be in the place that they need to be when the answer manifests. Oh and that stuff about letting patience have its perfect work, yeah, that means that you will need to leave all doubts and negative thinking on the outside so that you can stay inside the place that our Lord would have you to be in.

Genesis 3:1-3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (2) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. (KJV)

Thayer’s definition for ‘subtil’:

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Well, so you are moving along in your walk with the Lord, things are going good, and all of a sudden someone comes along and tries to tell you something contrary to the word of God. Many will look at things in a sensible way, or in other words, what makes sense more to the outward man rather than the inward one; you know that one that is or should be walking by faith and not by sight? The things of God are foolish to the natural man and are not very sensible so to speak, while those that keep their minds renewed in the truth will walk a path dictated by their Spiritual senses instead of what appeals to the outward carnal ones.

Genesis 3:4-6 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (6) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (KJV)

Now we don’t know how many times the enemy took a run at Eve, or Adam, before he got them to bite so to speak, but eventually those imaginations and entertaining things that were not from above became more appealing which lead to the fall. Sound familiar; you know, like when the enemy comes a long and paints a picture to good to be true, and is willing to show you a highlight reel of the pleasure that you are missing out on? However, for those that know better, because they kept their minds renewed in truth, they know the consequences as well; you know, like the fine print that is usually hidden somewhere where it won’t be seen?

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (6) And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. (KJV)

Christian, with a mighty arsenal available and there for the taking, there is no reason to be taken down and fall for the wiles of the enemy any longer. You have been given a full suit of Spiritual armor for your protection, now go take a hold of it and don’t let go. Can you imagine what your walk would be like if you cast down all negative thoughts and every high thing that would come against the knowledge of God, and brought every thought into captivity instead of letting fear keep you captive? Imagine that, or better yet, allow it to become a reality in your life. God’s best your way and keep the faith.