

When I have a Bad Day!

1 John 2:1-6 (NASB95) *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. ...*

I. When I had a bad day!

1 John 2:1 (AMP) *MY LITTLE children, I write you these things so that you may not violate God's law and sin. But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate (One Who will intercede for us) with the Father—[it is] Jesus Christ [the all] righteous [upright, just, Who conforms to the Father's will in every purpose, thought, and action].*

1. Practicing Sin

1 John 1:6 (NKJV) *If we say that we have fellowship with Him, **and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.***

Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV) *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, **that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

John 3:20 (NKJV) *For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*

1 John 3:7-8 (NKJV) *Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

2. Momentary lapse of judgment

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Examples of Momentary Lapse of Judgment

David and Bathsheba – Peter denying Jesus – Gehazi – Moses striking the rock...

Hebrews 7:24-25 (GW) *But Jesus lives forever, so He serves as a priest forever. That is why He is always able to save those who come to God through Him. He can do this because He always lives and intercedes for them.*

II. It is a heart issue!

Matthew 22:36 (NKJV) *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’**”*

Colossians 3:14 (NKJV) *But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*

1 John 2:5 (NLT) *But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.*

Faithfulness is a heart issue! I am faithful to my wife because I love and respect her.

John 14:15 (NASB95) *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

Love is only known by the action it prompts!

1 John 3:18 (NKJV) *My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*

III. We are imperfect vessels jars of clay.

2 Corinthians 4:7-8 (NKJV) *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—*

Philippians 3:12-14 (NKJV) *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 24:12 (NKJV) *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.***

James 5:11 (NKJV) *Indeed we count them **blessed who endure**. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.*

Keep Practicing Faithfulness

Matthew 6:33 (AMP) *But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (**His way of doing and being right**), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.*

1 John 3:7 (NKJV) *Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.*

Luke 11:28 (NLT) *Jesus replied, “But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.”*