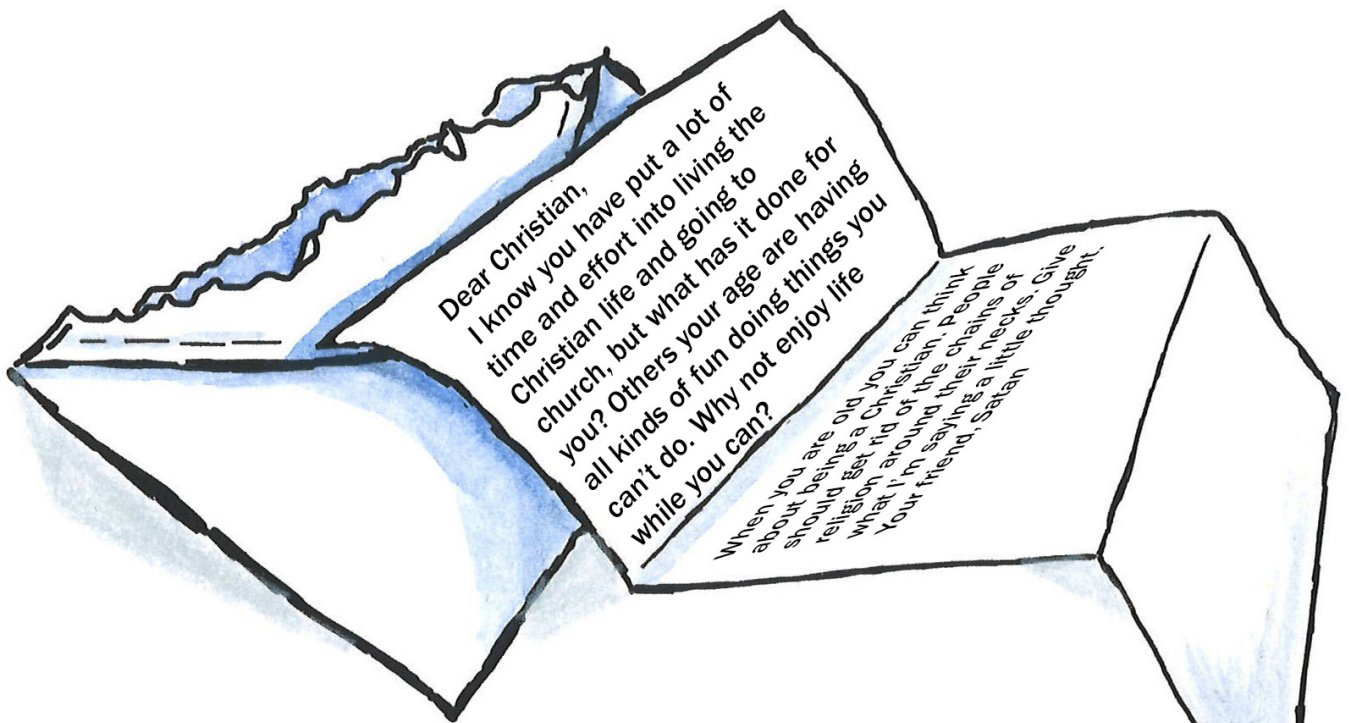


# “DEAR CHRISTIAN, . . .”

LESSON 200 → 2 Timothy 2:19-26; Psalm 15:1-5

*You won't get notes like these from Satan, but he might whisper these lies in your ears. Here are some tips on how to respond.*



**D**ear Christian, I know you have put a lot of time and effort into living the Christian life and going to church, but what has it done for you? Others your age are having all kinds of fun doing things you can't do. Why not enjoy life while you can? When you are old you can think about being a Christian. People should get rid of the chains of religion around their necks. Give what I'm saying a little thought. Your friend, Satan

*Dear Diary, I can't imagine where Satan got the idea that I'm not having fun. Since I gave my heart to Jesus, I've enjoyed life a whole lot more than I ever did before! I happen to love going to church. I have a lot of good friends there who*

*love Jesus too, and we have great times together. Why on earth should I wait until I'm old to enjoy the good life? His argument doesn't make sense. And I certainly don't intend to give it another thought. Christian*

Dear Christian, I'm concerned about your attitude. I want you to see my viewpoint, so I have another pointer. You must stop spending time with your nose in the Bible. Do you think that ancient Book can help you in this day and age? Get in touch with what's going on in the real world! There are literally thousands of books, magazines, and websites that I would much



## I WANT A PURE HEART.

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. — Matthew 5:8*

rather see you spend your time reading. From them you will learn about things that delight my followers. Still your friend, Satan

*Dear Diary, Satan will never get anywhere with this suggestion! Yes, that “ancient Book” can help me in this day and age. It helps me to understand more about my best friend, Jesus. I’m sure there are lots of ungodly books, gossip magazines, and inappropriate websites he could recommend, but they would fill my mind with his kind of garbage, and I’m not interested in garbage. And this is settled: I have no desire to learn about things that delight his followers. I would rather find out what delights my God.*

Dear Christian, I must mention that I am very concerned about the amount of time you spend in prayer. In the mornings, I would advise you to sleep in a little more. Young people need their rest! When you do get up, start right out thinking about what you want to do and where you want to go. It’s your life, and you need to be your own person, do your own thing! Believe me, I only have your best interests at heart. As ever, Satan

*He may as well give up on the subject of prayer, because I’m not going to give up praying! I love to start each day talking to Jesus, and I wouldn’t miss it for anything. It gives me a good feeling to know that we’ve talked over my day before I ever get going. He’s right about one thing, though—it is my life. My choice is to live it for Jesus, and that means staying in close touch with Him.*

Dear Christian, I’m really bothered by the music you’ve been listening to. You need to develop a liking for something with a little more life in it. Turn on a rock station and before you know it, you’ll get a taste for the kind of music I’m talking about. It will loosen you up a little! Your friend, Satan

*Diary, I am very careful about what I put into my mind. I don’t want to have anything to do with that filthy stuff the devil’s followers call music.*

*I want to listen to something uplifting, inspiring, and encouraging. I don’t want to fill my thoughts with violence and bad language. As far as listening to something with a little more “life” in it, Jesus is my life.*

Dear Christian, I seem to be losing the battle, but I haven’t given up. I believe my suggestions could be helpful if you’d just pay attention. I want you to spend time watching television. Now that is something that really grows on you. The people you see there are my kind of people. The commercials show the things you’re missing out on, and will make you want more, more, more. Why don’t you get with it? A daily dose of television would lead you a long way in the right direction. Still on your trail, Satan

*Why should I be interested in watching Satan’s “kind of people”? They aren’t my kind! Why should I learn to want more, more, more? Jesus teaches me to be content with what I have. Programming today is filled with violence and sin, and I don’t want any part of that. It’s about time Satan got the message. I’m not going to take his suggestions. I am going to live for Jesus. Why doesn’t he just give up?*

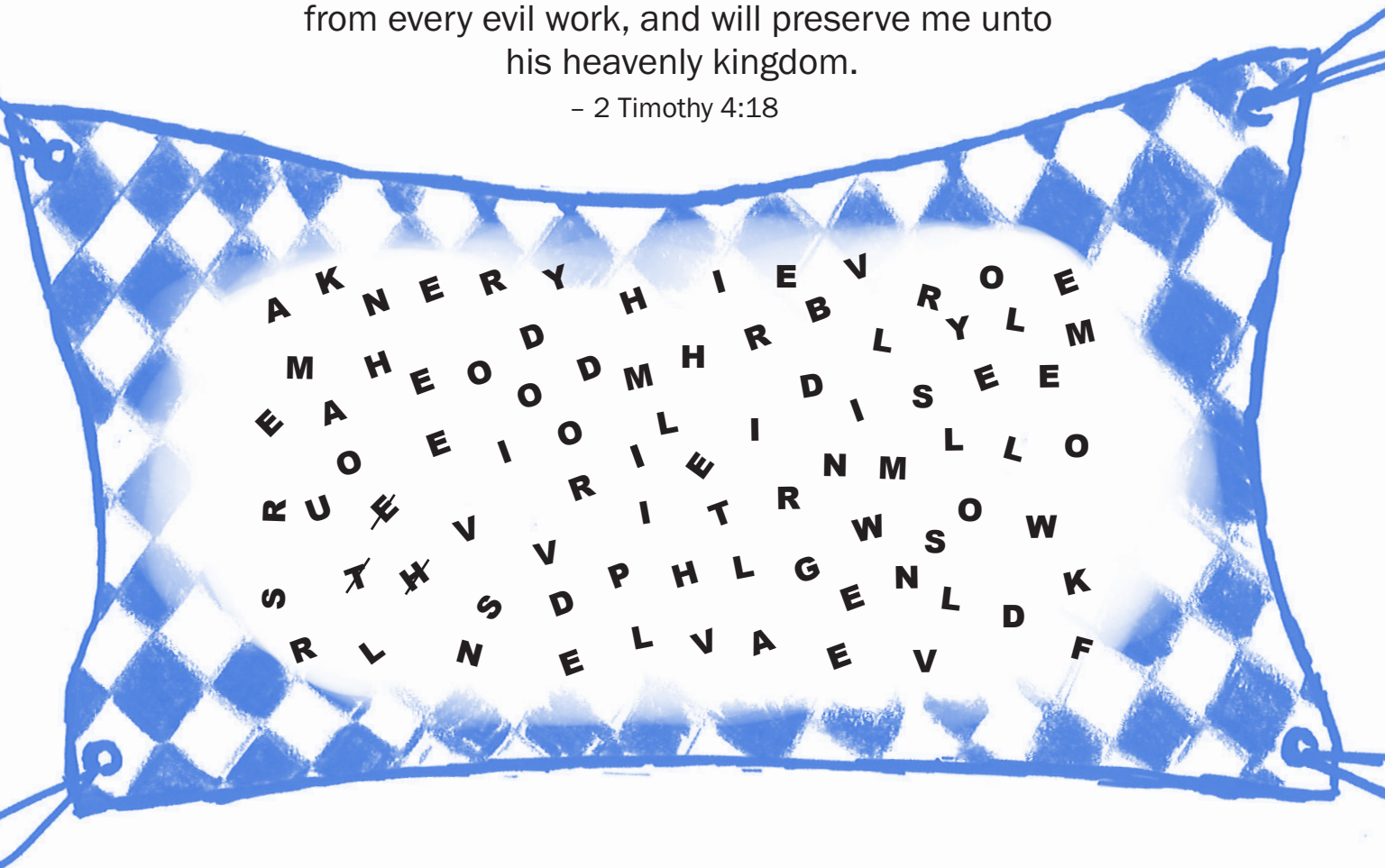
**WE CAN WIN**

Victory over the devil! That's what we want. Jesus has given us a way to have this victory. To find out what it is, cross out all the letters in the banner that are found in the verse below. The first word is done for you. Circle the eight letters that are left over. Then unscramble them and place them in the lines provided at the bottom of the page (two words). This is what gives us victory over the devil. If you need a clue read Revelation 12:11.

**VERSE**

The Lord shall deliver me  
from every evil work, and will preserve me unto  
his heavenly kingdom.

- 2 Timothy 4:18



**VICTORY!**

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