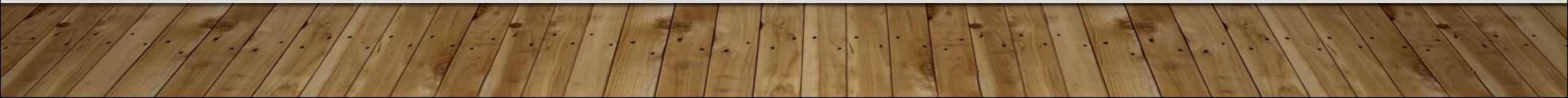
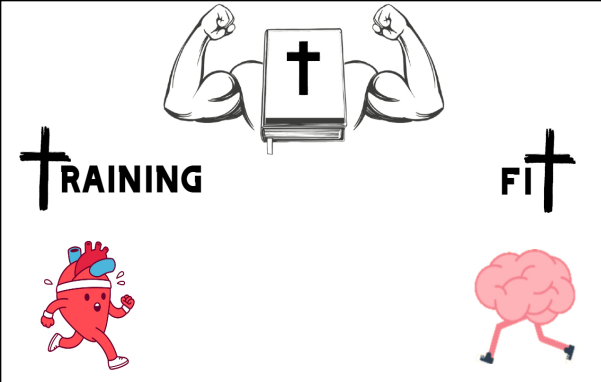


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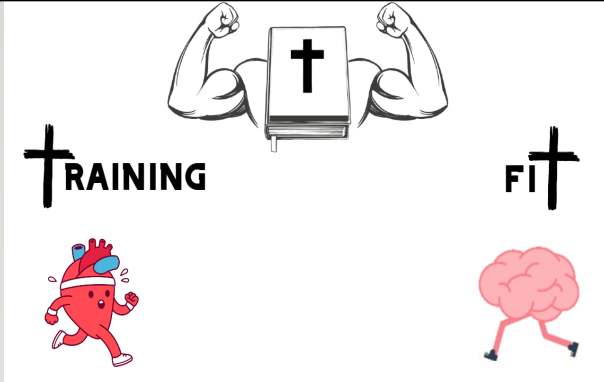
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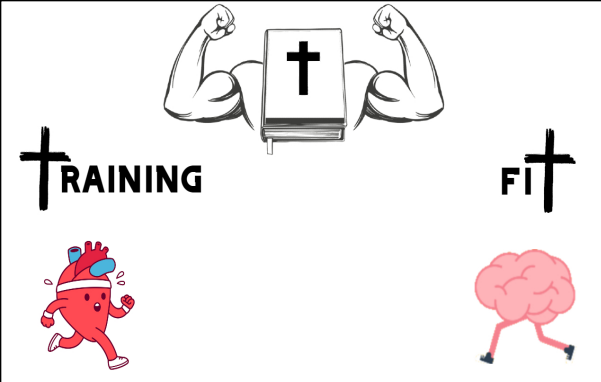


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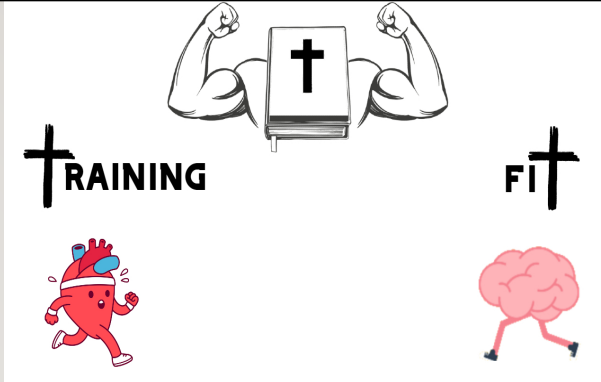
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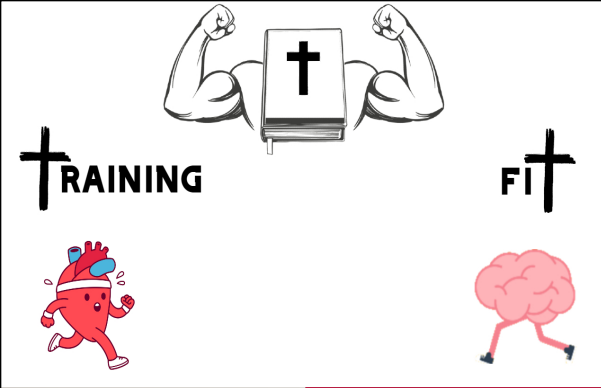
- “Whoever is **not with me** is **against** me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.” (Mt 12:30, NIV)
- For where two or three gather **in my name**, there **am I with them.**” (Mt 18:20, NIV)
- The LORD is **far** from the **wicked**, but he **hears the prayer** of the **righteous.** (Pr 15:29, NIV; cf. Pr 15:8, 28:9)
- **Come near** to God and he will **come near** to you. **Wash** your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (Jas 4:8, NIV)



CONTEXT SPIRITUALLY OUT OF SHAPE

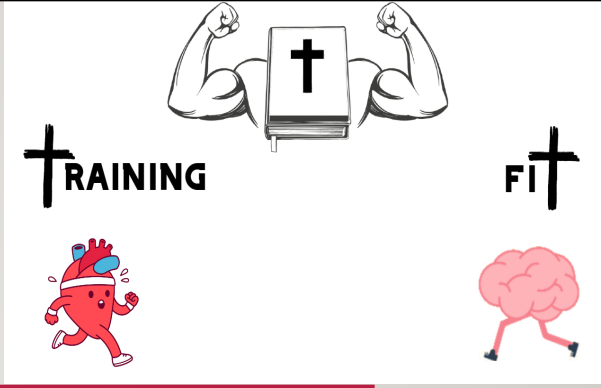


- It is actually reported that there is **sexual immorality** among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is **sleeping with his father's wife**. 2 And **you are proud!** Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have **put out of your fellowship** the man who has been doing this? (1 Cor 5:1-2, NIV)
- 27 "You have heard that it was said, '**You shall not commit adultery.**' 28 But I tell you that **anyone who looks at a woman lustfully** has **already committed adultery** with her in his heart. (Mt 5:27-28, NIV)

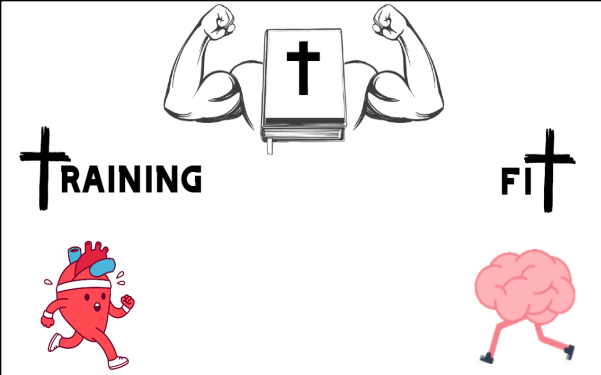


CONTEXT

GET IN SPIRITUAL SHAPE!

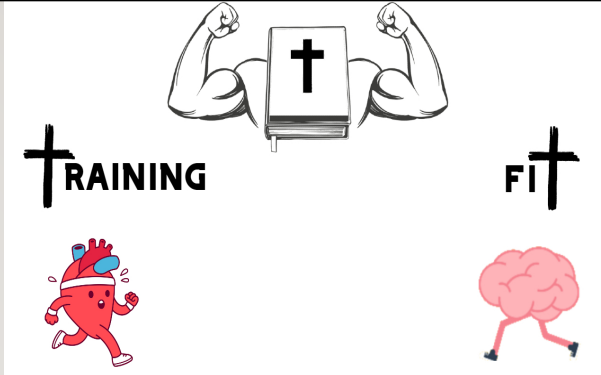


- 9 I wrote to you in my letter **not to associate with sexually immoral people**—10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who **claims to be a brother or sister** but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.
- 12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. **“Expel the wicked person from among you.”** (1 Cor 5:9-13, NIV)

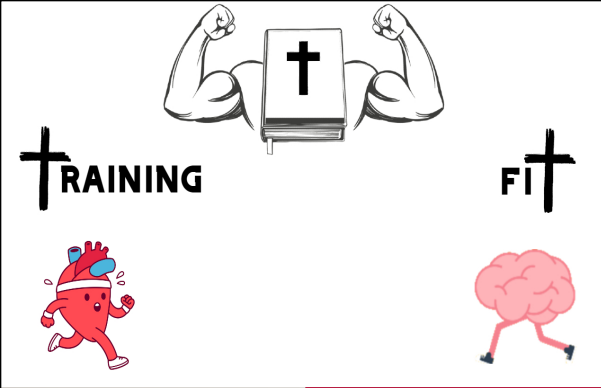


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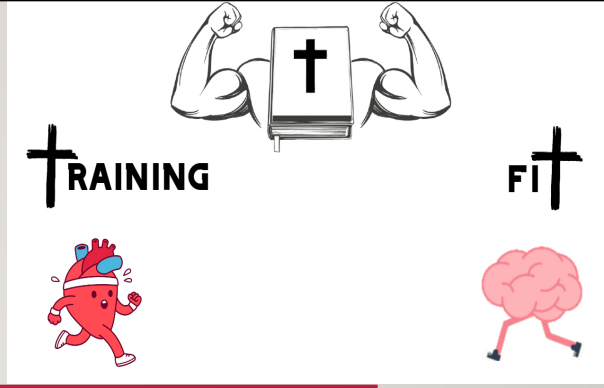
THE BODY IS A TEMPLE (OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)



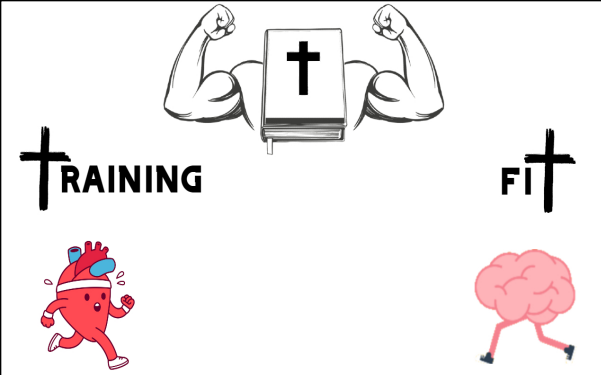
- **18 Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.
- 19 Do you not know that **your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit,** who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own;** 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore **honor God with your bodies.** (1 Cor 6:18-20, NIV)



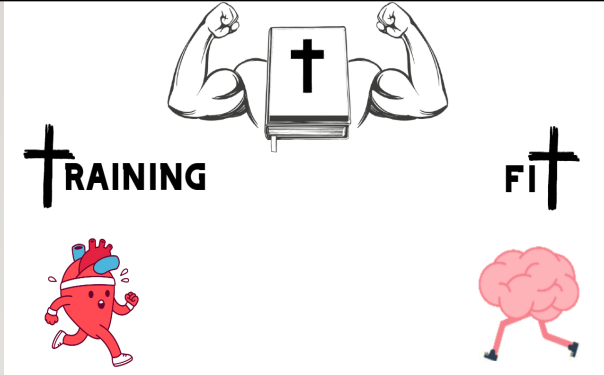
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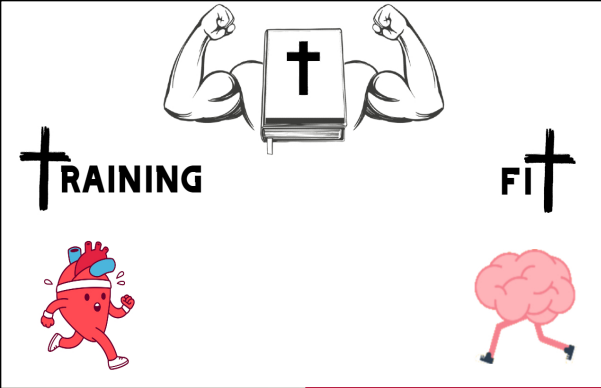
- Don't you know that in a stadium all the runners run but only one gets the prize? Likewise, run to win. (1 Cor 9:24, AT)



I CORINTHIANS 9:25 SELF-CONTROL FOR THE CROWN



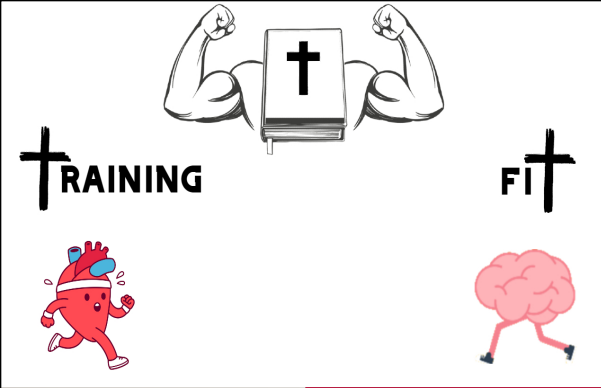
- Everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do so for a crown that is perishable. We do so for one that is imperishable. (1 Cor 9:25, AT)
- The heart is **deceitful** above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? (Jer 17:9, NIV)
- The law of the LORD is perfect, **refreshing the soul**. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. (Ps 19:7, NIV)



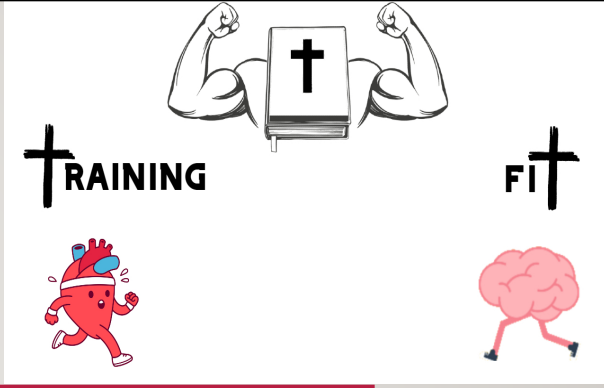
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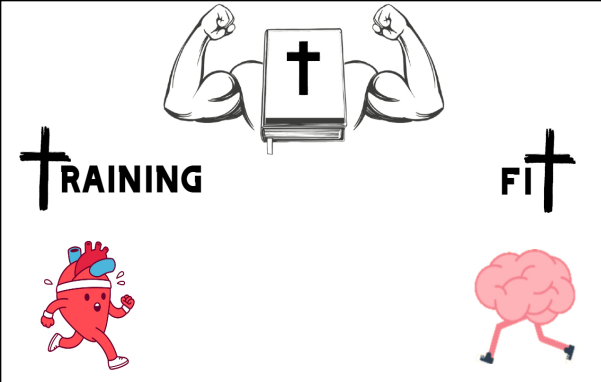
- Everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do so for a crown that is perishable. We do so for one that is imperishable. (1 Cor 9:25, AT)
- 7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **train yourself to be godly**. 8 For **physical training** is of **some value**, but **godliness** has **value for all things**, holding promise for **both** the present life and the life to come (1 Tim 4:7-8, NIV)



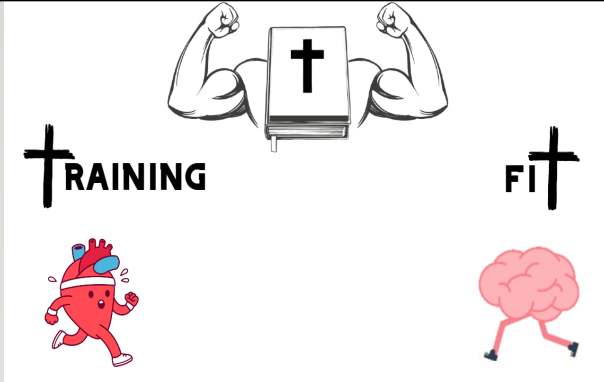
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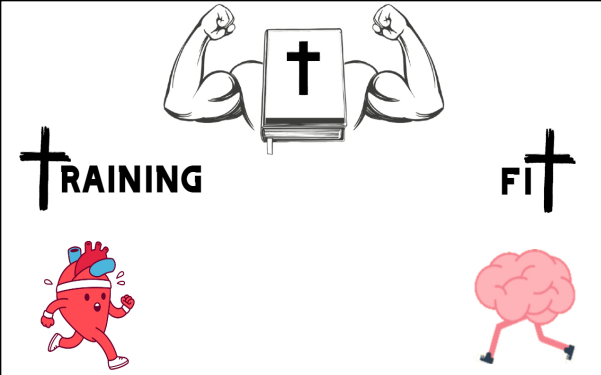
- Therefore, I, likewise, do not run aimlessly. Nor do I box like beating air (1 Cor 9:26, AT)
- But seek **first his kingdom** and his **righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Mt 6:33, NIV)
- Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it **all day long**. (Ps 119:97, NIV)



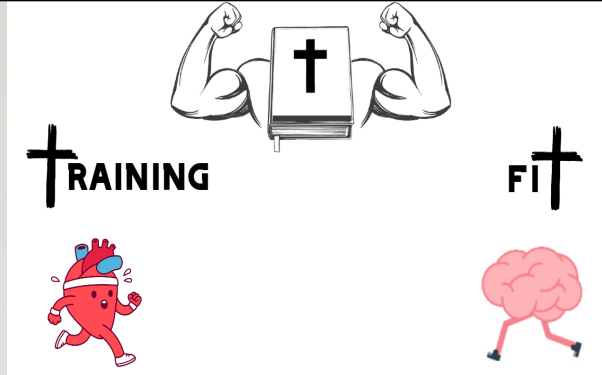
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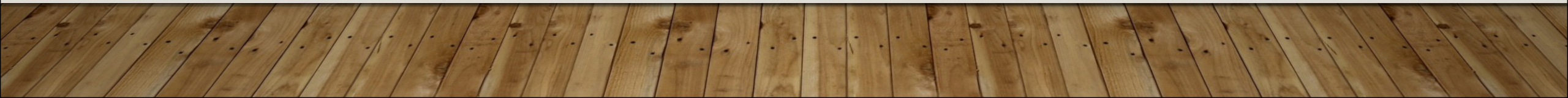
- Rather, I strike my body and make it my slave – lest after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified” (1 Cor 9:27, AT).
- 8 For it is by **grace** you have been saved, **through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God—9 **not by works**, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 2:8-10, NIV)

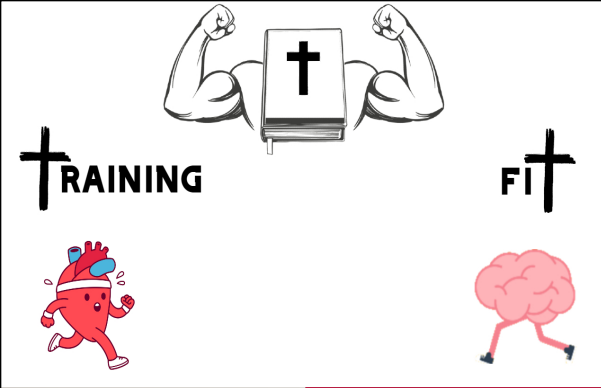


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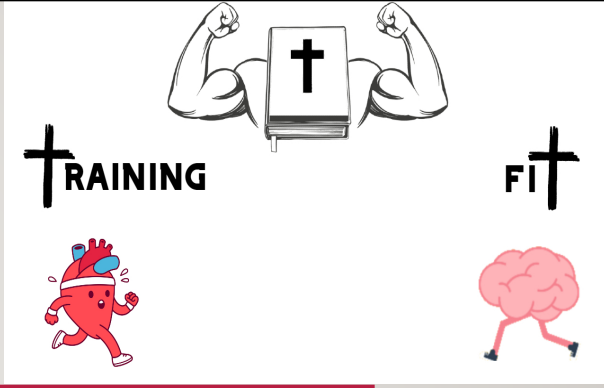


- And this is the will of him who sent me, that **I shall lose none of all those he has given me**, but raise them up at the last day. (Jn 6:39, NIV)
- 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; **no one will snatch them out of my hand**. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; **no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand** (Jn 10:28-29, NIV)
- Everyone will hate you because of me, but **the one who stands firm to the end will be saved**. (Mk 13:13, NIV)

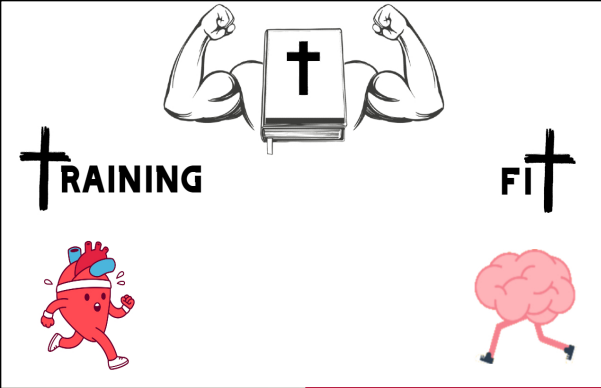




I CORINTHIANS 9:27 DISQUALIFIED



- 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, **they last only a short time.** When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, **they quickly fall away.** (Mt 13:20-21, NIV)
- The Spirit clearly says that in later times **some will abandon the faith** and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (1 Tim 4:1, NIV)
- Then I will tell them plainly, ‘**I never knew you.** Away from me, you evildoers!’ (Mt 7:23, NIV)
- **Examine** yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; **test** yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you **fail the test?**” (2 Cor 13:5, NIV)



HOLY HELPER



- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**, 23 gentleness and **self-control**. Against such things there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23, NIV).