*Proverbs 3:6: In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

We have divine ammunition against the stresses of our lives.

We try to take everything that life throws at us as if we are impervious to it.

We pretend like we can handle it, like it’s not a big deal.

Then what happens?

All of sudden, we are overwhelmed before we even realize that we were overwhelmed.

The devil knows this world and you on a very personal level.

He know that if he just distracts you enough, God gets removed from your crosshairs.

That’s why we work Sundays.

That’s why we try to mold our lives into this weird hybrid between Godliness and secularity.

We are of this world because we are in it, but we are called to be separate from this world.

*Romans 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

This is where the tug of war of our hearts begins.

*1 John 2:15: Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

How do we worship and give ourselves to our Creator and yet function in society?

*Luke 6:46: “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*

God tells us, plain and simple.

*Exodus 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.”*

We need to ask ourselves a very important question.

Do we worship false idols?

Absolutely we do.

Money.

Success.

Popularity.

Work.

Our family, even.

*1 Corinthians 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

God tells us to love Him wholly.

How can we do this when we have so much screaming in our faces?

Prayer.

Worship.

These are tools, weapons against the temptations of this world.

*Psalm 138:7: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.*

Yes, all of those worldly things are important from a certain perspective.

What we need to do is incorporate God into those things.

God wants our attention.

God cares about our wants and desires.

Include Him in them.

Pray for guidance with your finances.

Tithe.

Give, share.

Involve God in your successes.

Thank Him for promotions, for good news.

Pray that He leads you in the right direction.

Every step of the way, ask for His guidance.

Yes, we are in the world and we are forced to succumb to it.

But God is in this world too.

Working through us and in us.

Never forget to incorporate Him in every aspect of your life.

After all, He led you to where you are.

He dug you out of holes.

He lifted you up after ever collapse.

He walks with you.

*Deuteronomy 31:8 The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”*

*Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Don’t ignore Him.