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OBSTACLES  
TO WALKING

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OFF THE WALL

1. God's temple (1 Cor 3:16)
2. Submit every room (Matt 12:43)
3. Be filled with Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18)
4. Live by the word of God (Heb 4:12)
5. Armor of God (Eph 6:10-18)
6. Garment of praise (Is 61)
7. Cultivate right relationships
8. Cultivate right fellowship (Rom 10:17)
9. Make Jesus central (1 Cor 3:11)

## 1. LACK OF REPENTANCE

Mark 1:14-15 [ESV] *Jesus Begins His Ministry*

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

[Luke 15:7, Matthew 4:17, Luke 24:47]

## 2. FAILURE TO CONFESS SIN

### James 5:14 – 16 [ESV]

<sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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James 1:14-15 [ESV]

<sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

## 2. FAILURE TO CONFESS SIN

Matthew 10:28 [ESV]

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.  
Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

### 3. FAILURE TO FORGIVE OTHERS

Mark 11:25-26 [ESV]

<sup>25</sup> And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” Some manuscripts add verse 26: But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

[Matt 6:12]

## 4. FAILURE TO BREAK WITH THE WORLD / OCCULT

### Acts 19:13-15 [ESV]

<sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?”



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Acts 19:16-18 [ESV]

<sup>16</sup> And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup> And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. <sup>18</sup> Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.

## 4. FAILURE TO BREAK WITH THE WORLD / OCCULT

Acts 19:19 [ESV]

<sup>19</sup> And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Repent and believe
2. Confess sin
3. Forgive others
4. Break with the world/occult

What is God saying to me and am I obeying Him?

*1 Kings 13*