



**Title:** let the mighty arise III – overcoming the crooked places of sin  
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**The outline** – the impact of the word of God is on four areas.

**Luke 3:4-6 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: ... <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; the **crooked places shall be made straight** and the rough ways smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' ”

## Perception change: it's our training ground

**Make the crookedness work for you** – perceive it differently.

*Overcoming temptation (or crookedness) is the training ground for launching us into our destiny.*

**Make it work for you!**

**James 1:12 (NKJV)** <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. – our training ground.

## The crooked places – how did I get here?

**Defining the crookedness of a sinner:**

**James 5:19-20** brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

**sinner** – hamartolos (ham-ar-toe-loss) A traveller leaving the familiar road and taking twisted paths that cause him to lose his way. The word denotes one devoted to sin by choice, a transgressor whose thoughts, words, and deeds are contrary to the eternal laws of God.

**On the crooked paths – something always die...**

*How did I get here?*

**What we consume will determine the path we take**

## The crumbs of this world – seduces us into the crooked places

*The crumbs of this world:* anything that comes from the world which feeds our sinful nature.

○ **It seduces (and it is addictive) – little by little**

**Proverbs 7:25-27 (NKJV)** <sup>25</sup> Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths; <sup>26</sup> For she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men. <sup>27</sup> Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.

**1 Corinthians 6:12-13 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup> You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. And even though “I am allowed to do anything,” I must not become a slave to anything.

○ **It never fulfils.** It always leaves us wanting more.

○ **Yet, it does fill.** It fills us with no desire for the word of God.

## The word of God – leads us to the good path

The man who smoked the New Testament.

*The crookedness of our hearts is bent straight by the word of God.*

**James 1:21 (NKJV)** <sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*'"

**Picture: Anaemic Christians**

### **"try Me now in this." - 40 days of sanctification**

**1 Peter 2:11 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul...

**Joshua 3:5 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> And Joshua said to the people, "*Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.*"

*Know that what we consume determines the path we take. 40 days.*

**Cut out the crumbs of this world from your diet and consume the word of God daily for 40 days (3 december):**

**Try Me now in this** [Malachi 3:10-12 (NKJV)]