Monday, 30 June 2014

## Psalm 101:4

A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.

To be perverse is to willfully behave counter to what is expected. Lord, give me a compliant heart, one that seeks to be obedient to You in all ways.

## Tuesday, 1 July 2014

Psalm 101:5a

Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy.

Slander—to malign, vilify, revile. Lord, that it would not be be that engages to slander my neighbor. This is not loving my neighbor as You have instructed. To knowingly be a party to such actions is the same as being the active agent. Lord, keep me from either actively or passively spreading slander and gossip against another person.

Wednesday, 2 July 2014 Psalm 101:6

I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.

> Lord, give me the discernment to seek out those who love and honor You as my companions. Show me those who seek to lead blameless lives to serve as my mentors and shepherds.

Thursday, 3 July 2014 Psalm 101:7

No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one

who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.

Here's a plank. So easy to be offended by someone else's lies and deceit while accepting my own as 'embellishing' a story. Amazing how those little embellishments always make me look better, at least in my eyes. How many see through my pathetic attempts at self-agrandizement? Help me, transform me, Holy Spirit.

## Friday, 4 July 2014 Psalm 101:8

Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

I am a temple of the Lord God Almighty! Therefore it is my responsibility to provide a holy place for His residence. However, that can only be accomplished by the transforming power of the Spirit. Strip me, Lord, of all unrighteousness.

Saturday, 5 July 2014 1 Thessalonians 1:2-7

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, (3) remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (4) For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, (5) because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. (6) And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, (7) so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

Paul states that the gospel comes to us in power and

in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction and that this fills us with the joy of the Holy Spirit so that we can serve as an example to others of the transforming power of the mercy and grace of our Lord. Let me live that out each day where ever You place me.

Lord's Day, 6 July 2014 *Psalm 119:64* 

The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Teach me to recognize all the evidences of that steadfast love. Lord, I need to be far more aware of the signs of Your love in creation. I need to have an immediate response of recognition, praise and thanksgiving. Help me, Lord.

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