- This doesn't mean a leader isn't tempted nor that he/she doesn't fall.
- This does mean that there is a measure of strength & maturity in one's character, wisdom, and choices that lead him/her into deeper levels of freedom that is the result of our redemption.
- Maturity is the growing, deepening <u>PROCESS</u> <u>OF LEARNING HOW</u> to live in the freedom of our redemption <u>so that</u> we can successfully "abstain from sinful desires which war against our souls".

1 John 2:^{14b} I write to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God lives in you and you have overcome the evil one.

PRAY FOR MY WILLINGNESS TO RESIST TEMPTATION AND PUT TO DEATH MY REBELLIOUS HEART.

Luke 22: 31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Prov. 25.26 Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked.

PRAY FOR MY LEADERSHIP, WISDOM & THE ABILITY TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES

1 Thess 5:25 Brothers, pray for us.

I Peter 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care serving as overseers

Rom 1:9 God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you 10 in my prayers at all times

PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUAL HEALTH AND MY LEADERSHIP OF MY FAMILY

1 Tim 3: ² Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife ... ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.



2 Tim 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.