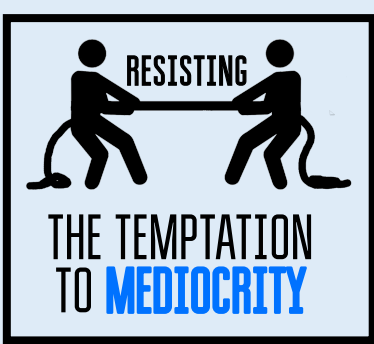


Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD



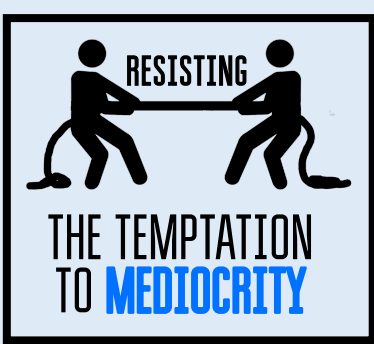


What Is *Mediocrity*?

- The Dictionary Definition

- Neither Good nor Bad
- The Word's Origin

“...from Latin *mediocris*,...a compound of the adjective *medius*, ‘half’ or ‘in the middle,’ and *ocris*, ‘rugged mountain’



What Is *Mediocrity*?

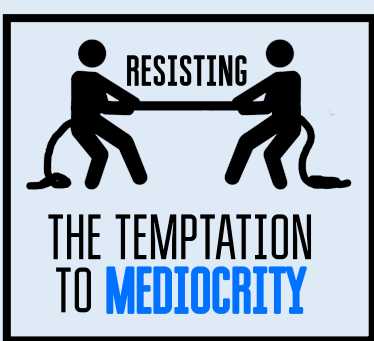
- Bible Examples

- The Israelites

LEV. 19:2; 18:3, 4; 1ST KGS. 18:21

- The Laodicean Church

REV. 3:15, 16

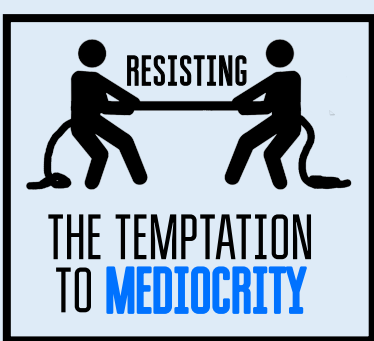


The Temptation to Mediocrity

- Mediocre Conviction

- Content to Believe Little
- Seeds of Doubt Find Root

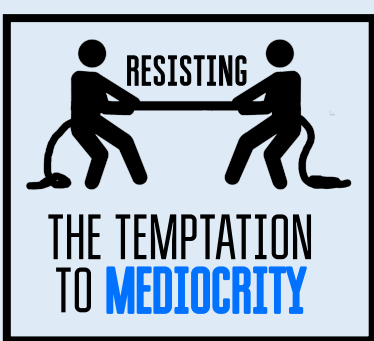
JAMES 1:6; EPHESIANS 4:14



The Temptation to Mediocrity

- Mediocre Knowledge
 - Content to Know Little

HEBREWS 5:14
 - No Desire For More or Deeper Knowledge



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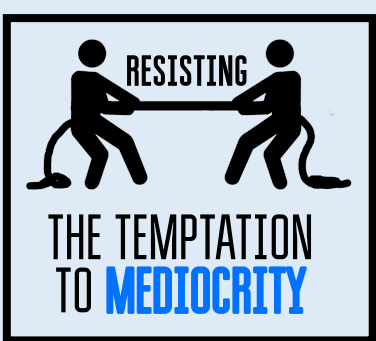
- Mediocre Service

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MATTHEW 25:18, 25, 27; 5:16

- Content to Let 'Someone Else' Do It

ISAIAH 6:8



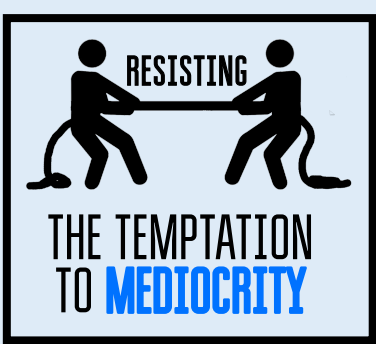
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- Mediocre Evangelism

- Content to Teach Little

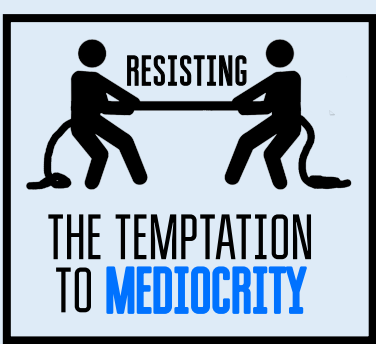
2ND CORINTHIANS 5:10

- Content to Remain Doubtful & Inexperienced



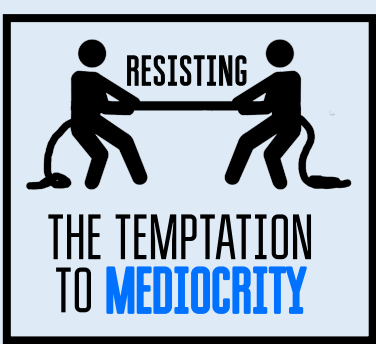
Resisting the Pull

- Obtain/Maintain A Deeper Faith
 - Firmly/Deeply Rooted in God's Word
ROM. 10:17; HEB. 11:1; COL. 2:6, 7
 - Constantly Adding to Our Faith
2ND PETER 1:5-11



Resisting the Pull

- A Thorough Knowledge of God's Word
 - This Begins With Our Desire
1ST PETER 2:2; PSALM 119:105
 - Diligence is Needed
2ND TIMOTHY 2:15



Resisting the Pull

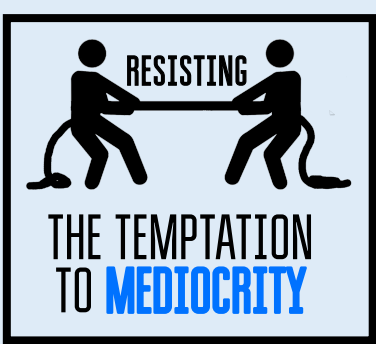
- Always Seeking to Do More

- Excel!

- 1ST THESSALONIANS 4:1, 9-10**

- Abound!

- 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:58**



Resisting the Pull

- Teach Constantly

- All Have A Need

ROMANS 3:23; 10:13, 14

- You May be the ONE

ACTS 8:26-40

