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... in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:11 (NIV)

Thought for today...

Today, with the advance in technology, we have access to information almost in an instant. Others (provided they have our contact details) are able to reach us with as much ease. Alerts and notifications inform us that our attention is required, and on seeing or hearing the alert, many of us rush to see who has made contact, and to learn what message they bring. Some communications arrive in our inbox, and it is only upon opening them that we realise that what we have received is unsolicited and not to our liking.



We can quickly relegate such items to our spam or junk folders, to ensure that future communications from that particular source are immediately identified, filtered and blocked, preventing them from reaching our inbox and allowing the content - once read - to permeate our thoughts.

We are free to identify certain senders as 'safe' or 'favourites', to ensure that their communications are not mistaken as junk, thereby escaping our attention.

The enemy has our contact details and knows the particular type of message to send to us to provoke a reaction. Sometimes his messages are not easily identifiable as junk, and so find their way into the inboxes of our spirit and soul. We open them, and the father of lies tells us that we are **weak**, **alone**, **unloved** and **rejected**, a **failure**, and **will never be healed**. Jesus sends us messages to contradict these lies, but we sometimes either fail to open or believe them.

His Word tells us: “But those who trust in the LORD will find new **strength**. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 (NLT).

“... And be sure of this: **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20 (NLT).

“Think how much the Father loves us. **He loves us so much** that He lets us be called His children, as we truly are...” 1 John 3:1 (CEV).

“Yet in all these things we are more than **conquerors** through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:37 (NKJV). “But thanks be to God! He gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV).

“But because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. **We are healed** by the punishment He suffered, made whole by the blows He received.” Isaiah 53:5 (Good News Translation).



Let's choose to identify Jesus Christ as a 'safe sender' and save His messages of hope and good news in our 'favourites'. Let's use His Word to filter and block unwanted and unsolicited messages from the enemy, rerouting them to the junk folder where they belong.