Living as a Loving, Forgiving Person

A. Monitor Enemy Interactions.

1) Guarding your mind – Be alert to protect your mind from sinful stimuli.
   2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.
2) Guarding your heart – Avoid depositing sins in your heart by refusing to speak or act on them.
   Prov 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
3) Guarding your mouth – Success or failure is in your mouth. Prov 18:21
   James 3:2-10 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a **perfect** man, and able also to bridle the whole body. v9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. v10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

B. Don't Let Offenses Build Up.

1) Funnel – Do not let small sins build up to clog the flow of God's power to & through you.
   Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.
2) Umbrella – Stay under the umbrella of the Blood of Jesus to by confessing your sins frequently to protect yourself from the rain of curses falling upon the world.
   1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
3) Cobwebs – Just as a spider works diligently for a long time to build a web, similarly the demons weave a net of sinful connections and hooks to bind you up and control you.
   James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts.

C. The Process of Losing Your Love Walk.

1) Unmet expectations tend to produce disappointments.
2) Disappointments tend to produce feelings of rejection.
3) Rejections tend to produce feelings of being offended.
4) Offenses produce unforgiveness, which blocks love.
5) Unforgiveness blocks all your prayers because faith works by love. Gal 5:6

D. **Daily Actions.**

1) Check after every interaction (in person, phone, TV, print media, etc.) for offense.
   a) If you detect rejection or offense, then Repent, Renounce Break (RRB).
   b) If you detect losing your Joy, Peace or Patience, then RRB.
2) Define your day early in the morning by declaring what you want from God's Word.
3) Pray in tongues throughout your day. Additionally, try to spend one solid hour praying in tongues.
4) Forgive people from your heart and speak blessings over them.
5) Forgive and bless yourself frequently; possibly every time you RRB.
6) Bind the mercy of God to yourself often, certainly in the morning & maybe every time you RRB.

E. **Essential Affirmations for Strategic Living.**

1) Psa 19:14 – In the Name of Jesus, God has made the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart acceptable/pleasing to Him.
2) 1 Cor 2:16 – In the Name of Jesus, I have the mind of Christ.
3) In the Name of Jesus, I am a loving, forgiving person. Matt 22:37; Mark 11:25,26

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