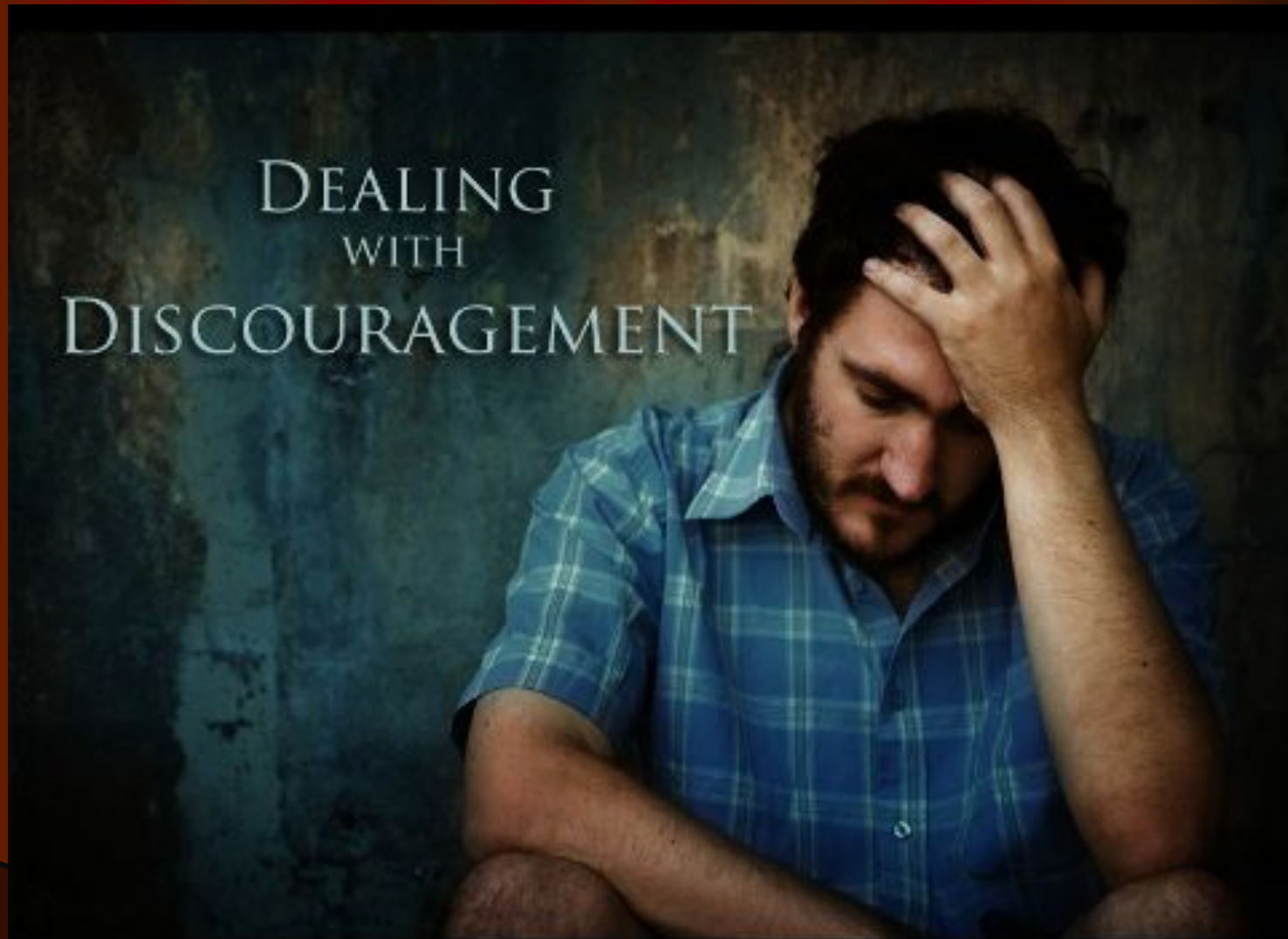




*"The Chanukah  
Tortoise vs. The  
Christmas Hare"*

I'll just do nothing.



DEALING  
WITH  
DISCOURAGEMENT

# *My Perfect Plan:*

*An immediate  
mop-up of all  
remaining "flesh  
patterns"*



## Exodus 23:25-26 (NLT)

●<sup>25</sup> You must serve the LORD your God. If you do this, I will bless you with plenty of bread and water. I will take away all sickness from you. <sup>26</sup> Your women will all be able to have babies. None of their babies will die at birth. And I will allow you to live long lives

## **Exodus 23:27-28 (NLT)**

●<sup>27</sup> “When you fight against your enemies, I will send my great power before you. I will help you defeat all your enemies. The people who are against you will become confused in battle and run away. <sup>28</sup> I will send the hornets in front of you. He will force your enemies to leave. The Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites will leave your country.

# Exodus 23:29 (NLT)

*But I will not drive them out  
in a single year —*

## Exodus 23:29b (NLT)

— *because the land would become desolate, and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you.*

# Exodus 23:30 (NLT)

*I will drive them out a little  
at a time until your  
population has increased  
enough to take possession  
of the land.*



No Way!

A

*comprehensive,  
immediate*

*mop-up?*



“Dashing through the dough!”





# The Twelve Daze of Kris-mess



12 days of shopping

11 miles of wrapping

10 tons of baking

9 tangled light strings

8 boring parties

7 stale fruitcakes

6 stressful headaches

5 dried out wreaths

4 unhappy relatives

3 bounced checks

2 spoiled children

*and a partridge in a  
pear tree*

# The Chanukah (or Hanukkah) Story, 165 B.C.

## Festival of Lights or Festival of Rededication

### (Second temple in Jerusalem)

Long ago, the king who ruled  
The Syrians and Jews  
Allowed his subjects freedom  
To worship as they'd choose.

But when he died, the new king said  
They must deny their Lord  
And worship Syrian idols or  
Perish by the sword.

Led by Judah Maccabee,  
All Jews throughout the land  
Armed themselves for battle  
And prepared to take a stand.

Although untrained in warfare,  
They were strengthened by the Lord.  
Their army was victorious,  
And their freedom was restored.

The priests then cleansed the temple  
And found, to their dismay,  
A single flask of sacred oil---  
Enough for just a day.

But, at the dedication,  
The oil sustained the lights  
So that they burned miraculously  
For eight full days and nights.

Now every year at Hanukkah,  
The bright menorah rays  
Remind us of that miracle  
In our forefathers' days.









2 Cor. 3:18 (KJV)

***“But we all, with open face  
beholding as in a glass the  
glory of the Lord, are  
changed into the same image  
from glory to glory, even as  
by the Spirit of the Lord.”***

Rufus Mosely, author: ***"He who gives himself and all that he has to be led of the Spirit is headed rightly no matter how imperceptible his progress may be."***

“It is important to understand that fruitfulness and growth are the results of focusing on Christ and desiring to honor Him. When growth and change are our primary goals, we tend to be preoccupied with ourselves instead of with Christ. Am I growing? Am I getting any better? Am I more like Christ today? What am I learning?

“This inordinate preoccupation with self-improvement parallels our culture’s self-help and personal enhancement movement in many ways. Personal development is certainly not wrong, but it is misleading--and it can be very disappointing to make it our preeminent goal. If it is our goal at all, it should be secondary.”

“As we grasp the unconditional love, grace, and power of God, then honoring Christ will increasingly be our consuming passion. God wants us to have a healthy self-awareness and to periodically analyze our lives, but He does not want us to be preoccupied with ourselves.”

“The only One worthy of our preoccupation is Christ, our sovereign Lord, who told the Apostle Paul, **‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness’** (2 Cor. 12:9).”

(Dr. Robert McGee, author, professional counselor)



***“The important concern is not that we recognize all the sins we commit, but that we respond to those which He wants to show us.”***

# Happy Hanukkah





**2 Peter 1:5-8** *"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your **faith** **goodness**; and to goodness, **knowledge**; and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to self-control, **perseverance**; and to perseverance, **godliness**; and to godliness, **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness, **love**. For if you possess these qualities **in increasing measure**, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

# "The Chanukah Tortoise" vs. "The Christmas Hare"

**Chanukah:**

**"Little by Little"**

**or**

**Christmas:**

**"Oy! To the World"**

# "The Enemy Within"

(Kris Lungaard)

