

Protected by the Word

Scripture

*"Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You."
Psalm 119:11*

Reflection

The shepherd's rod also served as a weapon of protection. It helped defend the flock from predators and danger.

Scripture protects believers by teaching us truth, clarifying right and wrong, and helping us recognize temptation.

The more familiar we are with God's Word, the better prepared we are to recognize lies and avoid destructive choices.

God's Word does not remove every temptation, but it gives us guardrails and wisdom.

Illustration

Guardrails do not remove every dangerous curve from a road. They help keep drivers from leaving the road when the path becomes hazardous.

Scripture provides similar protection in our spiritual lives.

Application

Identify one temptation or area of weakness that you face repeatedly.

Find a passage of Scripture that speaks directly to that issue and commit it to memory.

Use God's Word intentionally when temptation comes.

Prayer

Father, thank You for the protection of Your Word. Help me know it, remember it, and obey it. Strengthen me against temptation and keep me from destructive choices. Amen.