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1. Be _____ enough to trust what God has given you.

The word of God, which is our weapon to defeat any and all spiritual attacks and to kill the sinful nature.

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (NKJV)

2. Put aside all _____.

God has given us His Spirit to dwell in us. Some obstacles we face are self-made due to our own sinful choices.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. (NLT)

3. Deal with _____ in your mind.

Some obstacles that we deal with are not real. We have allowed fear, worries, and lies create imaginary obstacles.

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4. Know that nothing is _____ for God.

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