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CHARACTER VS. COMFORT

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When presented a challenge do you find your thought is to seek an approach that presents the least resistance (opposition)? The Holy Spirit checked my words recently as I audibly responded to someone regarding my challenge for saying, "I'll choose the path of least resistance." Had I adhered to that thinking it would have been a very costly way to resolve the matter. The best solution required more of my strength, yet my first thought was comfort.

In our spiritual journey we must resist (oppose) the devil and temptation. Looking for a path where there's nothing to oppose reflects we prefer our comfort. Our character is strengthened when we oppose evil and ungodliness. For example, it's comfortable to over eat or over shop. However it's costly to our health or budget in the long run. It's challenging to push back the plate or shop wisely, but in the long run our character is strengthened in the resistance.

Let's change how we approach challenges by choosing to strengthen our character and oppose our comfort when necessary. 1 Peter 5:10 says, "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace (Who imparts all blessing and favor), Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you." (*Amplified Version*)

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