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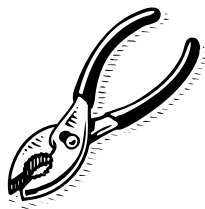
## GUARD AGAINST SPIRITUAL EROSION

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Some time ago, one of the toilets my home would not flush. We discovered that the chain would not stay attached to the flapper because it had eroded over time causing the hook to slip off. This was the effect of years of water wearing away and destroying the steel, so repair was necessary.

Interestingly enough, the Lord used this event to share with me a good life lesson. Our hearts and minds should be influenced by the Holy Ghost. However, over time we can allow our hearts and minds to erode and slip off the mind of God wherein we are not properly flushing them of the unclean influences that can come into our lives. The cares of life, as well as our desires and many other things can work on us wherein we lose our peace in God and wonder why we are so uptight and discouraged. We daily need to be renewed in the mind of Christ. We need the Holy Ghost to daily remove the covering of our hearts and minds to reveal the rubbish that has come in and flush it out. When we allow our hearts and mind to erode we will pull away from God's Spirit and that makes us vulnerable.

*Philippians 4:6-7 (Amplified Version) says, "Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*



Back to the flusher, after replacing and tightening the parts, the unit once again worked fine. This leads to my final thought, we must tighten up our relationship with God so we do not slip off. Daily, allow His mind to flush our hearts and minds of things that can hinder success. We can tighten our relationship with the pliers of daily communicating with the Lord and then obey His leading. Our hearts and minds must be guarded from sin and our High Priest is on the job to preserve us. You don't have to spend money and do a lot of extras to guard our heart. Jesus paid the price for our Peace, so talk to Him, listen to Him and then allow Him to flush our hearts and minds so they remain guarded from erosion.

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