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Exercise time!





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To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty – yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

¹¹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.



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God knew their works
...He knows ours too

He even knows our thoughts (Pslam 94:11)

He knows the tribulation and poverty

Poor - but rich!



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Its bad

Slandered

Warning - it'll get worse for them

But they will win!



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Do not Fear!
Be faithful!



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Application

- Do we feel 'rich'?
- Persecuted?
 - really?
 - who's side are you on?
 - do you fear? Check those Guns out!



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How are we fearful? What of?

Are we suffering, persecuted?

Do we believe the lies?

Compromised to culture? Idols?

Do we feel rich in Jesus? Eph 1

Evil is from the enemy

God is with us - Jesus beat death. For ever...Guns out!



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***“What do you have to fear? Nothing
Whom do you have to Fear? No one
Why? Because whoever has joined forces with God
obtains three great privileges:
Omnipotence without power,
Intoxication without wine
And life without death”***

St. Francis of Assisi