

# Words of Life

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*Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.*

*Psalms 55:22*

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*As I read this verse in my devotions this morning, the second half captured my attention..... "He shall never permit the righteous to be moved." As I read it over a few times something interesting happened. My mind made an immediate connection with my works. While I saw the promise of God, I reasoned it away thinking.....Ted, you're not good enough to NEVER be moved. The thoughts began to build on themselves rapidly....you don't have enough faith, you doubt too much, you aren't disciplined enough, you aren't "holy" enough..... etc. Surely God has given this promise to those who can maintain a righteous life, but not to me. Maybe some of my pastor friends can claim this verse, but I can't because I am not "righteous enough".*

*As I continued to mull the verse over in my mind, the Lord soon corrected my errant thoughts. He brought me back to the day I received Christ as my personal savior. He told me....Ted, this promise is not about what you can do, but about what I have done! He told me that my righteousness (right-standing before God) has nothing to do with my works. To make that connection minimizes what Christ did for me on the cross. Jesus Christ became righteousness for me (1Cor1:30)!*

*Isn't God amazing? Be comforted today in His promise to you. He will NEVER permit the righteous to be moved. If you have placed your trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, then you are the righteous to whom this promise applies.....He will never permit YOU to be moved!*

*God bless you as you enjoy His promise to you today!*

*Pastor Ted.*

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*The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

*John 6:63*