

I was listening to the evening news this past week and heard that New York City had recently advertised for a new position in city government and has now hired – a rat czar. The official title is Director of Rodent Mitigation, and the position pays between \$120,000 and \$170,000. New Yorkers are getting increasingly fed up with the disgusting creatures.

In the dark alleyways and basements of our hearts, the devil wants to create an environment where all kinds of nasty thoughts, attitudes, habits, and addictions like to lurk and multiply. No matter how hard we try to live a godly, righteous life, Satan tries to tempt us into living a life apart from God. However, it is the Lord who knows how to shine a bright light into the hidden rooms of our hearts. “On the day I called, you answered me; you increased strength within me.” Psalm 138:3.

God, who began His work in us, will definitely work to bring it to completion as stated in Philippians 1:6 “I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

We may struggle and grow tired of fighting our battles, but remember, God is a faithful God and will never start something and not finish it. We need to work and get rid of the sin in our lives so we can live with increasing holiness while we wait for the day when we will be pure, perfect and sinless before God – beyond any reach of temptation. Have faith in our God and believe that what He started in your life, He will bring to completion. “The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me. Lord, your faithful love endures forever.” Psalm 138:8

*Lord, increase our faith in You. Thank you for shining your light in our lives and helping us to grow and become perfect in You. As we cry out for help in all areas of our lives, give us the strength to live a victorious life so we will worship and serve You perfectly and forever! In Jesus Name, Amen.*

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