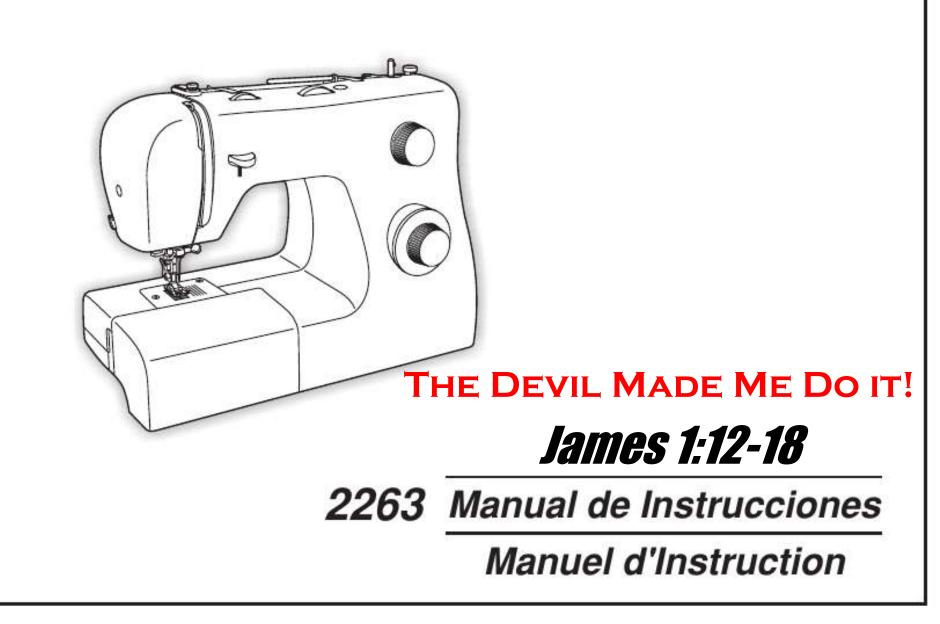
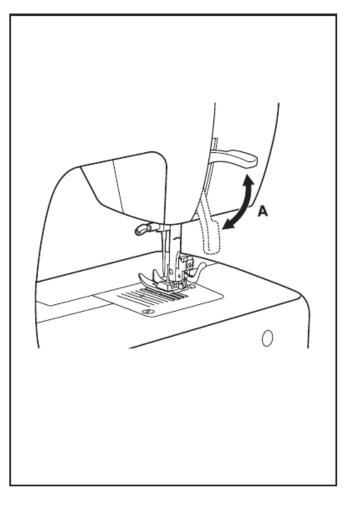
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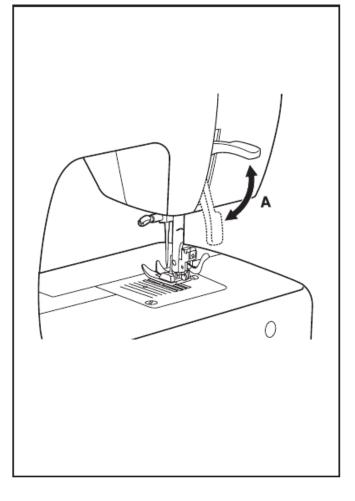
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¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

James 1:12-18

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James 1:12-18



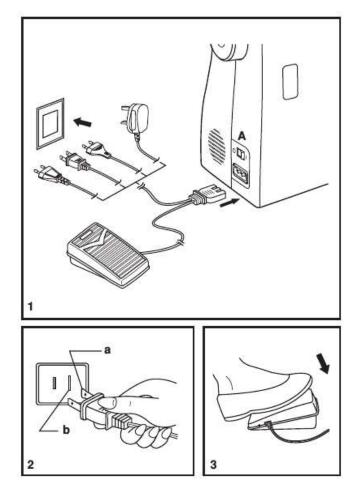
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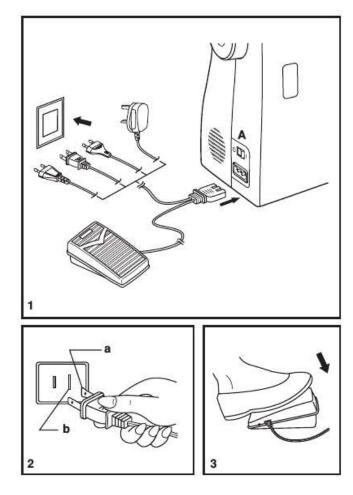
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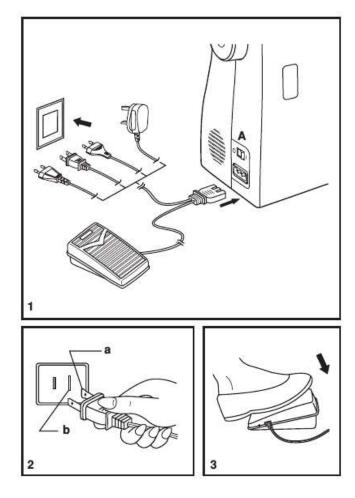
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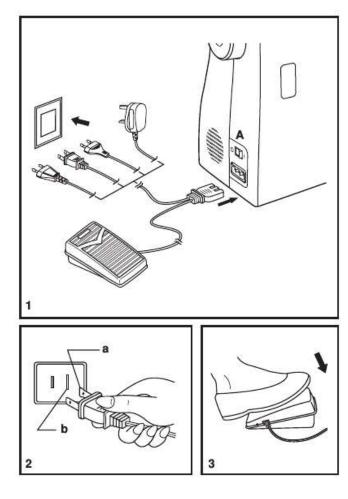
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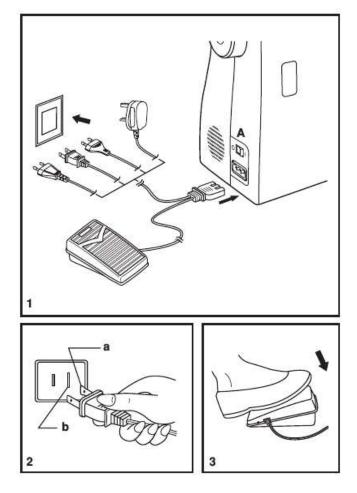
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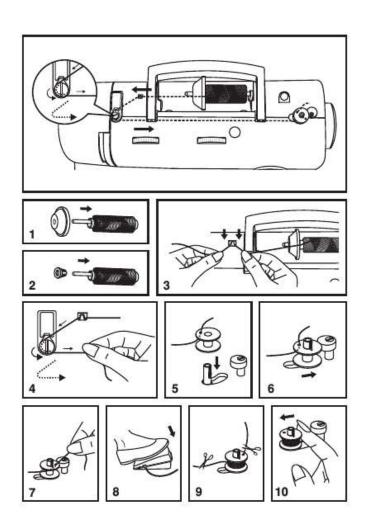
Titus 1:2 This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie promised them before the world began.

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THE PROMISE



ATTENTION: The promise is given to those who "demonstrate" (prove) their love for God by their endurance of temptations and trials



Nobody can blame God for their temptations

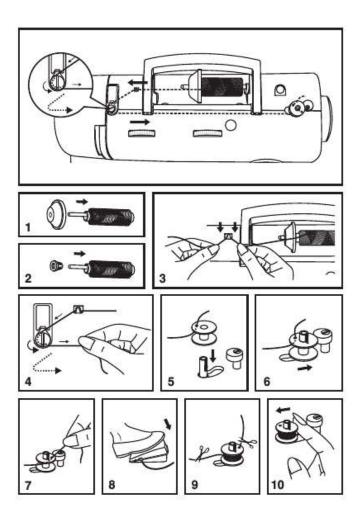
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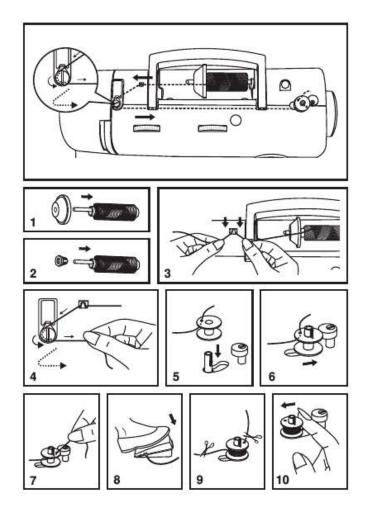
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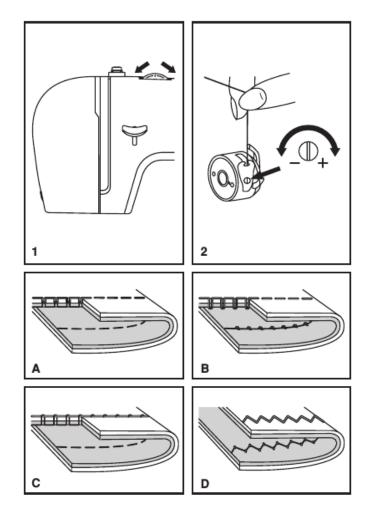
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The Caution

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ATTENTION: Don't lose sight of the fact that you are God's prized possession!



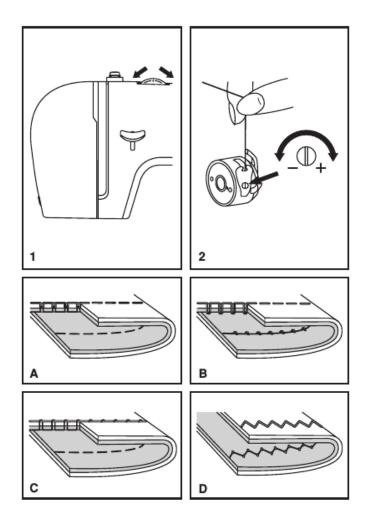
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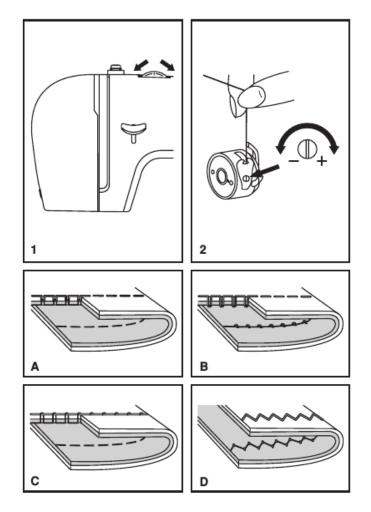
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ATTENTION: Temptation = Desire + Opportunity 3

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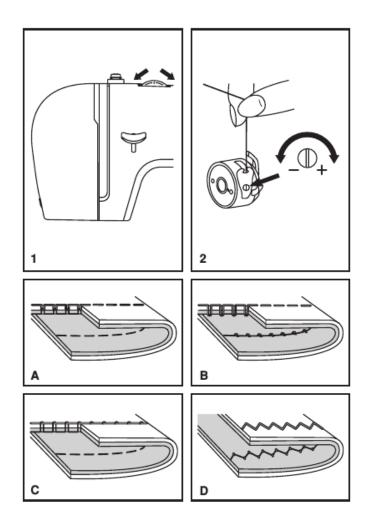


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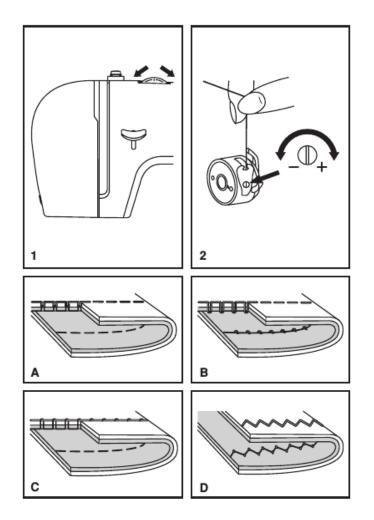
This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

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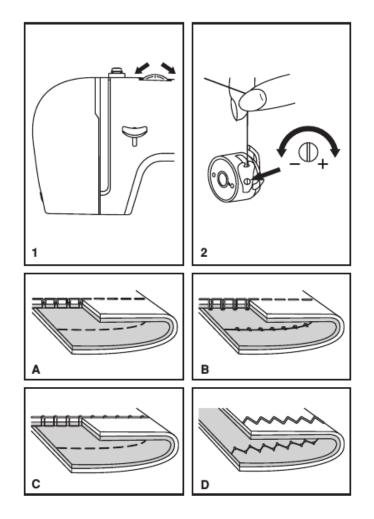


ATTENTION: Sin = Desire + Opportunity + Action



Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.



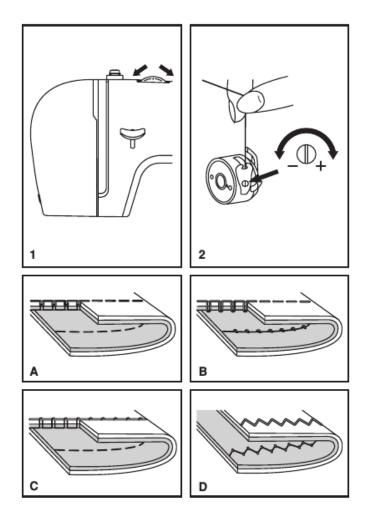
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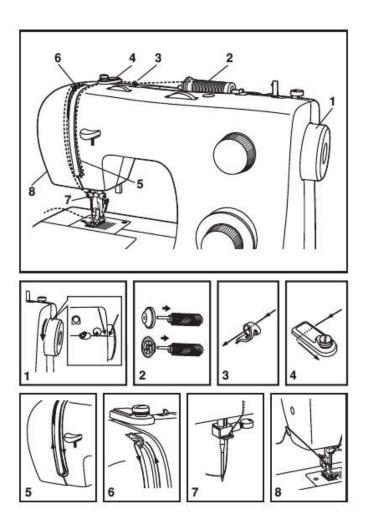
"But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

The Understanding

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ATTENTION: Desire + Opportunity + Action + No Forgiveness = Punishment!



Change Our Desires

Romans 12:1-2

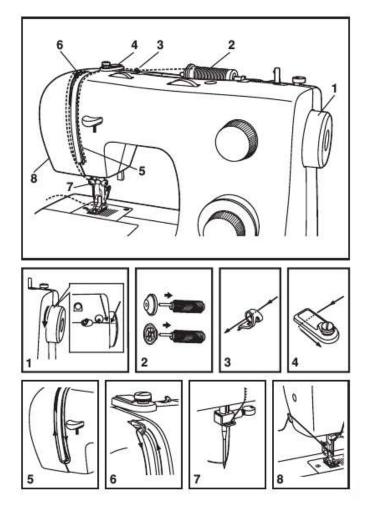
And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



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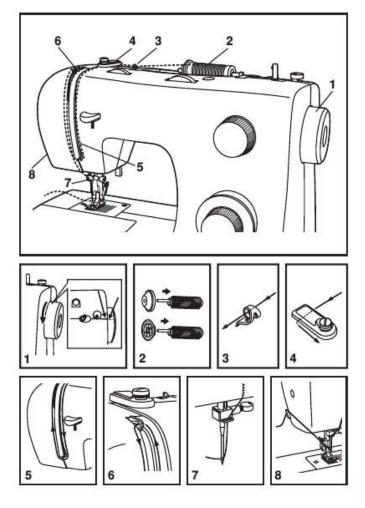
Galatians 5:24

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.





Change Our Desires



Psalm 119:11;

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Change Our Desires

Matthew 4:3-10

During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The

Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple,

Change Our Desires

Matthew 4:3-10

⁶ and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,
'He will order his angels to protect you.

And they will hold you up with their hands

so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

Change Our Desires

Matthew 4:3-10

⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

¹⁰ "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

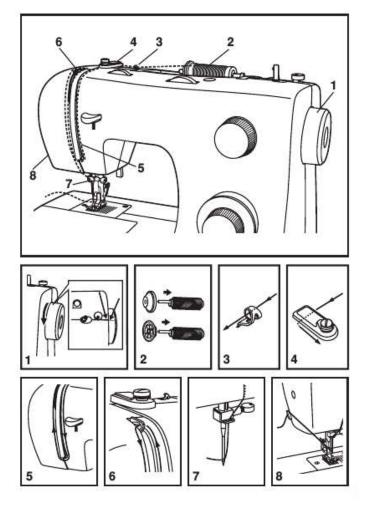
'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"



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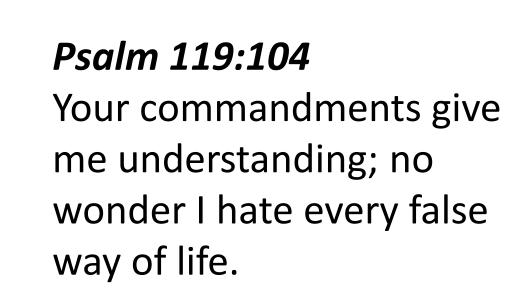
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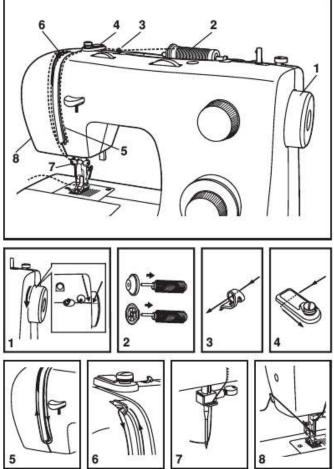
What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the Lord's name for saving me. ¹⁴ I will keep my promises to the Lord in the presence of all his people.





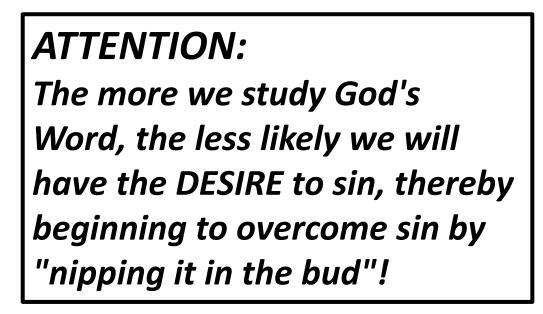
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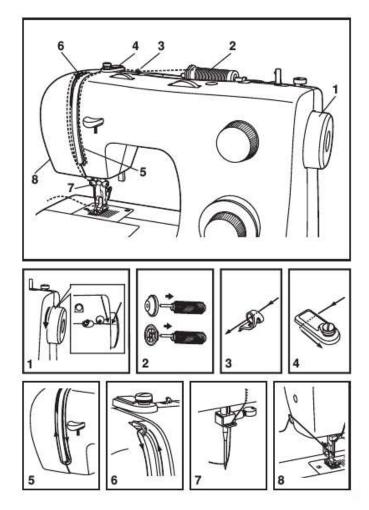






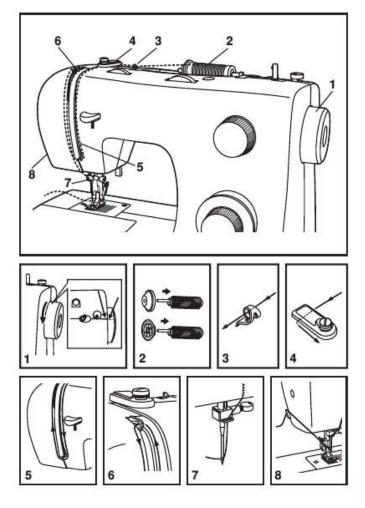
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Limit Our Opportunities



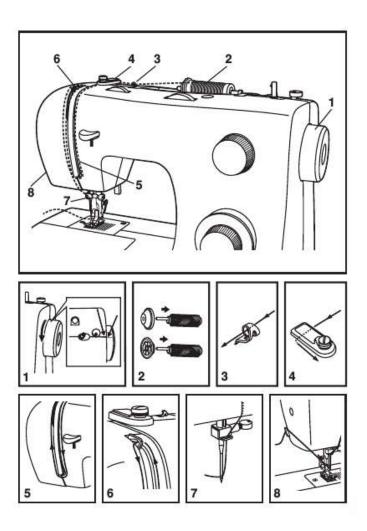
Mt 6:13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one..



Limit Our Opportunities

Ps 101:3-4

I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them. ⁴ I will reject perverse ideas and stay away from every evil.



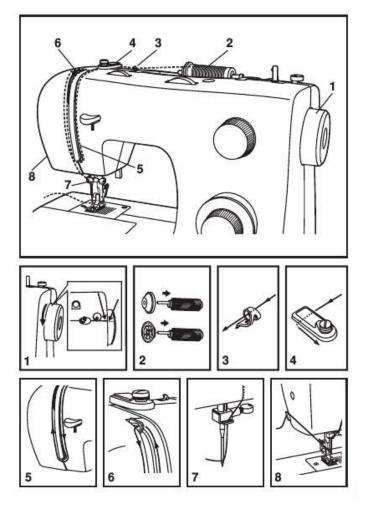
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Psalm 101:6-7

I will search for faithful people to be my companions. Only those who are above reproach will be allowed to serve me. ⁷ I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence.



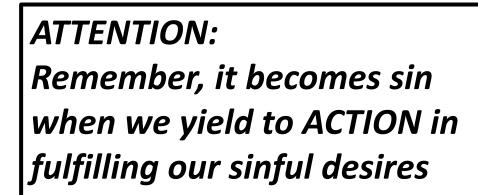
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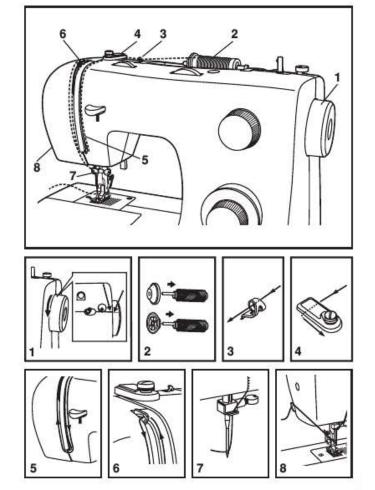


1 Corinthians 15:33 Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."



Exercise Self Control



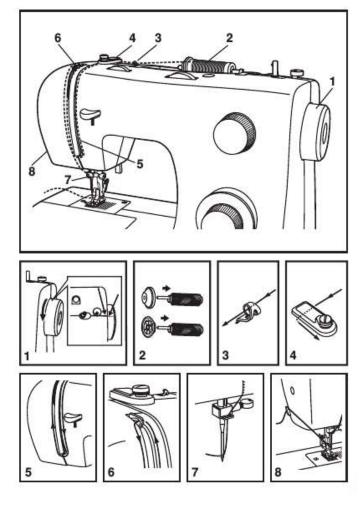




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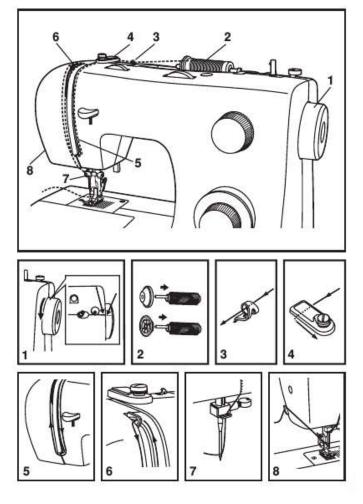
Galatians 5:22-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!





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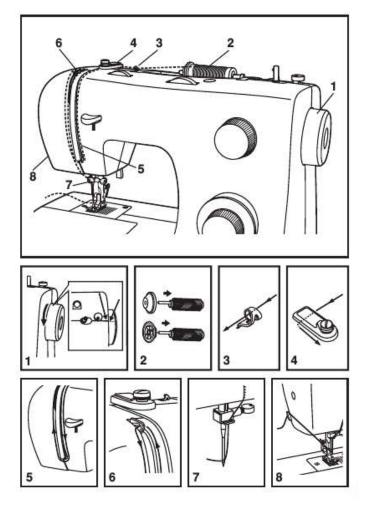


Acts 5:32

We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to those who obey him.

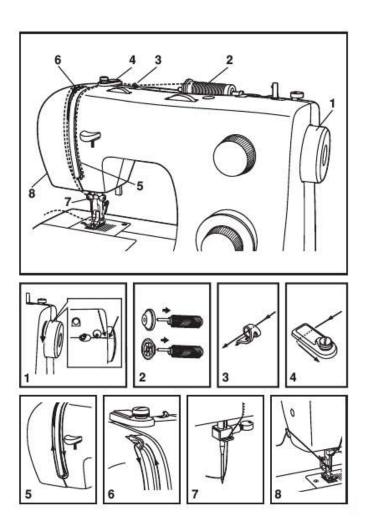


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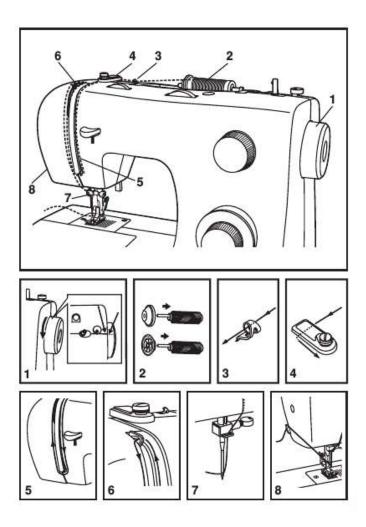
I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.



Exercise Self Control

Romans 8:12-13

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³ For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.



Obtain Forgiveness

1 John 2:1-21

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.



Obtain Forgiveness

ATTENTION: At any time the Christian can overcome sins that were committed by repenting and confessing them to God!

