

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEMPTATION

A minister once became very annoyed with his wife for always coming back with a new dress each time she went out shopping. He told her she must be more concerned about the finances and resist any more purchases. She said it was very difficult as the Devil was always tempting her. Her husband replied You must say to the Devil next time Getuj8 behind me Satan' The next week she came back from shopping with yet another new dress. Her husband was furious! Didn't you tell the Devil to get behind you as I said? His wife replied, I did, but when he went behind me he whispered in my ear, It looks just as good from the back as it did from the front'

✚ "Temptation is attractive otherwise it wouldn't be tempting

1. Why does God Tempt me. Who Is Tempted, And Why . Temptations Reward.

God tempts no one James.1: 12 *Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

Temptation makes you who you are. God gives you choices, we're not robots Eve had a choice

G3986 peirasmos a putting to *proof* (by experiment by implication **adversity**: - temptation, to try.

✚ "Fire tries Iron, and temptation tries a just man.

Where there is no temptation, there can be little claim to virtue. It shows us what we are made of

Blessed. Strong's 2127: eulogeo to speak well of, to bless prosper): praise.

This is a different word where you might pray a blessing over someone. **Mark.10:16.** *And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark.6:41.* He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and they multiplied

That's prospering , it will result in praise to God

Blessed Strong's 3107: makarios supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off. **James.1:12**

Mathew.5:6. *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.*

1.Peter.3:14. *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.*

This word is always used for a reward of being blessed happy fortunate for serving the Lord

13 *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

God does not tempt you, but when it comes you have to choose eve was tempted as was Jesus

Temptation is not a sin. Heb.4:15 We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Everyone goes through trials and temptation

James.1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3. knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Trials verse.2.&13. is in the context is of temptation. The Greek word for trial and temptation is the same.

Counting it joy doesn't mean you are excited about trials and temptations, it means you don't say poor me and get angry and bitter or you wont make get the victory. **Remember Rom.8:28** all things work together for good. Not all things are good rape murder etc are evil and don't come under the heading of walking through valleys and temptation.. Yet if you trust God and dont give up or get bitter God can work good in your life and you can still be found praising and serving Him

If you have never had a temptation how do you know if you can overcome it. If you have never experienced a trial or struggle how would you know if you could endure it or not. Trials and temptations make you the man or women you are today. **James.1:3.** . knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience 4 But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

2.How Does Temptation Work

1.C or.10:¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man;

Luke.4:18. ¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation

In Luke 4, every temptation is three different types of temptation, that are common to man

1.John, chapter two describes these the temptations, without using the word temptation

Page.2. In context, I write to you little children for your sins have been forgiven, to you young men because you are strong and the word of God abides in you overcoming the wicked one

1.John.2:15. ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life not of the Father**

All temptation falls into these three categories. This is how we are tempted. This is how Jesus was tempted. It was the same with Jesus for He was tempted as we are. **Heb.4:15** yet He didn't sin. Eve was also tempted the same way for we can't be tempted with anything that is not common to man. **1.Cor.10:13**

Genesis.3:1. Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

A.The Pride Of Life. For Eve If you eat you will be like God. **For Jesus** If you are God throw yourself down from the top of this high temple you won't get hurt the angels will catch you

God says this about Lucifer. The pride of life is how sin started

Isaiah.14:13-14. For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

B.Lust Of The Flesh. For Eve The Tree was good for food. **For Jesus,** Turn these stones into bread
C.Lust Of The Eyes. For Eve The tree was pleasant to the eyes. **For Jesus,** He was shown all the Kingdoms of the world and the devil said I will give you all this.

James.1:14 *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed* The temptation itself is not a sin for Jesus was tempted and didn't sin when the temptation turned to desire

The Temptations Of Jesus. When Temptation Comes And Its Escape Routes

Satan Tempts Jesus .Luke.4:1. Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.³ And the devil said to Him,

Temptation sometimes comes when we are at a high point in life Jesus went into the desert full of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes when we are full of the Spirit and all seem to be going well, it's harder for us to fall into temptation. However when we think we are strong, we need to be careful of pride.

1.Cor.10: 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Proverbs.16:18. Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Temptation sometimes comes when we are at a low point in life When Jesus was hungry the Devil closed in with three different temptations. When you are at a down point in life and are tired stressed and worn out with the affairs of life the devil pounces.

³ "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,'¹¹ and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

The escape routes Jesus used to stand against Temptation is God's word. Page.3.

Lust of the flesh. Verse.3. "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.

Escape route. Verse.4. "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Lust of the eyes. Verse five. Jesus is shown all the kingdoms of the world, worship me and its yours

Escape route. Verse.8. Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'

Pride of Life. Verse.9. Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, the angels will catch you

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Through trials and temptations there are many escape routes and verses we can use just as Jesus did

2.Pet.1:3. His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust

¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

If you have resisted the temptation and are praising God for the victory, please don't forget the Devil is always waiting for the next opportuned time

(2Pe 2:9) The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation (Whatever the Bible says on a subject is your escape)

3.Overcoming Temptation

1.Fail to plan and you're planning to fail."

Second Chronicles 12:14 says it this way, ¹⁴ And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.

Flee scriptures.

1. Flee fornication .1.Cor.6:18

2. Flee Idolatry. 1.Cor.10:14

Submit yourself to God resist the devil and he will flee from you James.4;7 (Flee - means to run away

Prov.4: ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil.¹⁵ Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on

Story.Get Out of the Corral. A couple of boys tried to walk through a corral when a bull saw them and began to charge. One of the boys said, "Let's stop and pray." The other boy said, "No, let's run and pray!" They didn't need to resist the bull inside of the corral. They needed to run out of the area where they were vulnerable. We need to do when we are being tempted. We need to flee from the temptation.

2.Stand on God's word

The Psalmist wrote thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee (**Psalms.119:11**

✚ Be not the hearers of the Word only deceiving yourselves but be doers of the Word **James.1:22**

It is our commitment to the Word of God that gives us victory over temptation and sin

Joke Story. There was a monk who, was followed by the devil into an immoral theater. He asked the devil how he could be so bold as to tempt a servant of the Lord. The devil answered, "What business has a servant of the Lord in my territory?"

3.Walk & live in the spirit

Gal.5:16-18¹⁶So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will never fulfill the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh wants is opposed to the Spirit,

4.Pray

Mathew.26:40-41. Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

Overcoming temptation, involves watching and being aware of how the devil operates, asking God for wisdom, standing on God's word as escape routes, walking in the Spirit and being constant in prayer.

The Amplified Bible says it this way. In verse..2, Consider it joyful when you encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations & verse.12. says, happy and envied is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation for once he has stood the test and been approved he will receive the victors crown of life.