

“Triumphing Over Temptation!”
1 Corinthians 10:13

Introduction:

1. 1 Corinthians 10:13 - “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it!”
 - This Morning, I Would Like Us To Look At The Issue Of Temptation!
 - Just What Is Temptation?
 - We All Know What Temptation Is, Because We Have All Experienced Temptation In Our Lives! And We Continue To Be Tempted!
 - An Attempt To Get Someone To Do Wrong – Either In Attitude Or Actions!
 - Temptation Is A Universal Experience Of All People, In All Places & At All Times!
 - From The Very Beginning, People Have Experienced Temptation:
 - Eve - Genesis 3:1, 13 - “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” – So It Begins – And We Know Where It Ends – “And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat!”
 - From Then Until Now:
 - We All Face Temptation!
2. How Do Most People Deal With Temptation?
 - They Go Along With The Temptation – They Don’t Even See It As Temptation! **IE:** Immoral Relationships Outside Of Marriage!
 - Because They Are: “Wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked!” (Revelation 3:17)
 - But How Do You Deal With & Handle Temptation?
 - If You Are A True Child Of God, You Will Recognize Temptation When You See It!
 - If You Are A True Child Of God, You Will Resist Temptation When You Experience It!
 - But Why Don’t We Have Victory Over Temptation?
 - Why Do We So Often Go Along With Temptation? Like Eve / Like The Rest Of The World?
 - How Can We Triumph Over Temptation?
 - See A Few Things:
1. ***There Is A Strength To Temptation!***
 - Temptation Is Strong! We Must Never Underestimate It!
 - **IE:** Like Underestimating The Weight Of Something You Are About To Pick Up, Until It Is Too Late!
 - However So Many Do! And When Faced With Temptation, They Feel Its Strength & Do Not Overcome It!
 - Because Temptation Is So Strong! What Happens?
 - You Will Topple Under Temptation!
 - John 8:34 - “Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin!”
 - 1 John 3:8, 10 - “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning!” / “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother!”
 - We Have But One Choice, If We Are Not Part Of God’s Family Through Jesus Christ – Sin!
 - We Belong To Sin – And Sin Belongs To Us! This Is The Natural Human Condition!
 - But Thankfully, You Don’t Have To Stay In This Condition!
 - John 8:35-36 - “And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. / If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed!”
 - If You Have Come To The Father Through Jesus The Son:
 - You Can Triumph Over Temptation!
 - This Is The Only Way To Successfully Deal With Temptation!
 - You Cannot Overcome It By Yourself!
 - You Need Someone To Help You!
 - And God Has Provided That Someone Through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ!

- This Is The Starting Point!
- But Temptation Still Feels So Strong, Even To A Child Of God! What Should You Do?

2. ***There Is A Source Of Temptation!***

- In Order To Successfully Fight Something, You Must Find Its Source!
 - **IE:** Fighting A Fire / Fighting Cancer / Fighting Sin!
- The Source Is Never Divine!
 - James 1:13 - "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man!"
 - God Never Tempts One To Sin!
 - He Does Bring Testing & Trials – For Discipline / For Faith!
 - "God Sends Trials; We Make Them Temptations!" (Maclaren)
 - Go Further!
- The Source Is Always Devilish!
 - Paul Wrote About How Satan Would Tempt Christian Husbands & Wives Who Do Not Fulfill One Another's Needs In 1 Corinthians 7:5!
 - Paul Also Wrote In 1 Thessalonians 3:5 - "I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain!"
 - He Can & Does Tempt Christians! How Does He Do This?
 - Directly – Seen When He Tempted Jesus In The Wilderness!
- Indirectly:
 - Through The World!
 - 1 Timothy 6:9 - "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition!"
 - And 1 John 2:15-16 - "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. / For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world!"
 - Through Our Own Flesh!
 - James 1:14 - "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed!"
 - **IE:** Our Flesh Is A Sin Magnet!
- What Can We Do? When We See The Strength & The Source Of Temptation?
 - By The Grace & Strength Of God:
 - Resist! "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!" (James 4:7)
 - Reject! The World & What It Offers! "Love Not!"
 - Refuse! The Lust & Desires Of Your Flesh! "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me!" (Luke 9:23)
 - Goes Further:

3. ***There Is A Sensitivity To Temptation!***

- **IE:** If We Know We Have A Wound Or An Injury, We Are Sensitive To It & Try To Protect It As Much As Possible! My Tooth!
 - If You Want To Triumph Over Temptation, You Must Not Be Proud – Thinking You Are Above It! No! 1 Corinthians 10:12 - "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall!"
 - **IE:** Story Of The Red Baron In WW2 - German Ace - Shot Down 80 Enemy Aircraft - He Was Eager To Get His 81st - He Flew "Too Long, Too Far, And Too Low Into Enemy Territory" - And He Was Shot Down & Killed!
- Is There A Recognition Of Your Weakness?
 - Galatians 6:1 - "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted!"
 - Consider Yourself! "Search Me O God!" Examine!
- Is There A Resistance To Your Weakness?
 - If So, What Kind? Hebrews 12:4 - "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin!"
 - What Steps Have You Taken? Willing To Take? Love Sin?
 - Mark 9:43, 45, 47 - "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off" / "And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off" / "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God

with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire!”

- Sin Is Serious! Is It Serious To You?

- Is There A Reliance In Your Weakness?

- Remember, You Are Not In This Alone!

- 2 Peter 2:9 - “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations!”

- And You Need To Trust Him! For Only Through Him:

4. *There Is A Solution For Temptation!*

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- Christ Is Your Solution In Temptation!

- He Is Your “Way To Escape!”

- Because Of Christ, You Can Have Peace!

- Hebrews 2:18 - “For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted!”

- To Help / Bring Aid!

- He Gives You Grace & Strength To Overcome!

- Because Of Christ, You Can Pray!

- Hebrews 4:15-16 - “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. / Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need!”

- Matthew 6:13 - “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!”

- Because Of Christ, You Can Prevail!

- Through The Example Of Christ & The Use Of His Word!

- Matthew 4:1-11!

Conclusion:

1. This Is How You Can Triumph Over Temptation!

- There Is A Strength To Temptation!

- Sometimes It Can Feel Very Strong & Very Hard!

- There Is A Source Of Temptation!

- Always Comes From The Devil & Our Flesh!

- Never Forget: “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world!” (1 John 4:4)

- There Is A Sensitivity To Temptation!

- If You Are A Child Of God! Take Sin Seriously!

- There Is A Solution For Temptation!

- Jesus Christ Is Always Your “Way To Escape!”

2. So:

- “Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;

Each victory will help you some other to win;

Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue,

Look ever to Jesus, He’ll carry you through.

- Ask the Savior to help you,

Comfort, strengthen and keep you;

He is willing to aid you,

He will carry you through!”

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