

### III. REMEMBER THREE THINGS THAT TEMPTATION IS:

*“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*  
I Corinthians 10:13

- Common to All (fallen humanity)
- Controlled by God’s grace (sufficient)
- Conquerable by you humbling self (die daily)

#### **Are You Tempted By Pride?**

Prayer:/Song:

*Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me  
All his wondrous compassion and purity  
O Thou spirit divine, all my nature refine,  
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me*

## **TEMPTED** **Tempted By Pride** Dr Chris Gnanakan

### **INTRODUCTION**

- A.** Temptation can have the appearance of looking good. You take the first bite, but in a short time, it will turn around and bite you! We have all given into temptation only to find ourselves in pain.

*“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.*

*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.*

*16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”*

James 1:12-16

- B.** In this series, come and find hope and relief in dealing with these topics of temptation!

Feb 10	Tempted By Sex
Feb 17	Tempted By Relationships
Feb 24	Tempted By Anger
Mar 3	Tempted By Shopping
Mar 10	Tempted By Substance Abuse
Mar 17	Tempted By Food
TODAY	Tempted By Pride

What’s hidden in the dark is never good!

- C.** **Text:** James 4:6,10 (Pew Bible/Pg.233/New Testament)

## WHAT TO DO WHEN TEMPTED BY PRIDE

### I. PRIDE BEGINS FROM WITHIN – HEART EXALTING ITSELF!

*“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”*  
I Corinthians 10:12

- A. Illustration: King Uzziah (II Chronicles 26:3-19)  
God gave great success evidenced by accomplishments *As long as he...* (vs15-16)
- sought God guidance
  - was obedient to do God’s will
  - was humble and submissive to spiritual mentorship
- B. His life was characterized by great power and success *Until...* Pride.. (1) Blinds (2) Binds and (3) Grinds
- He challenged God’s Holiness trespassed temple
  - Presumed upon a position that was not his
  - Refused godly correction; ignored sin’s consequence

Note: *The way down is up the way up is down!*  
SELF – Delusion -> Deception -> Destruction

## II. HUMILITY ALLOWS GOD TO LIFT US UP

*“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up”*  
James 4:10

- A. Illustration: Paul the Apostle: (II Corinthians 12:1-13)  
Grace, grace, God’s grace: as the Least of the Apostles and the Chief of Sinners!
- Paul’s Deficiency – good grief; thorn in the flesh
  - Paul’s Sufficiency – the grace of God “in Christ”
  - Paul Efficiency – glory/boast in the Lord
- “that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”*  
I Corinthians 1:31
- B. **Don’t blow your trumpet!** We are nothing without Christ, so give Jesus Christ the bragging rights for your life!
- C. **Humility is that flower which grows on the grave of self!**
- “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only on your own interests, but also on the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus” (Philippians.2:3-5)