

Dealing With Temptation

What Is The Nature Of Temptation?

- Read James 1:13-14. From this text, what does it mean to be tempted? _____
- List some common temptations to sin that we often face.

- In each of these temptations we are enticed to believe that God's truth is false and sin's falsehood is true (Gen. 3:1-7).

Where Does Temptation Come From?

- According to James 1:13, enticement to sin does **not** come from _____? Though God is sovereign over our experience of temptation, He Himself never tempts us nor wants us to fall.
- James 1:14 attributes temptation to _____.
 - James is describing what other passages refer to as our **Flesh** (See Gal. 5:16-26, Rom. 7:18).
 - The flesh is that sinful nature that dwells in each one of us.
 - Though we have a new nature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), we still have this old nature within that loves sin and hates God.
- What further source of temptation does John identify in 1 John 2:15-17? _____ John speaks not of the earth but of the world system of sinful people united in opposition to God's rule (Eph. 2:2, James 4:4).
- Eph. 6:11-12 reveals what other source of temptation? _____
 - 2 Cor. 4:7 calls Satan _____.
 - 1 Thess. 3:5 calls him _____.
- Our three enemies are united in enticing us. Satan and his demons energize this world system so that it appeals to our flesh.

Who Experiences Temptation?

- We often grow discouraged during times of intense temptation and think we are alone or that we are lower class Christians.
- 1 Cor. 10:13 gives what encouragements? _____

- Every believer faces a life-long battle with temptation.

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Why Do We Undergo Temptation?

- Read Job 1. What two opposing agendas do we see in the opening chapter of Job? _____
- What is Satan's agenda for temptation according to 1 Pet. 5:8?

- What conclusions can we draw from Rom. 8:28-29 with regard to our temptations? _____
- What is God's agenda for our struggle with temptation according to James 1:2-3 and 1 Pet. 1:7 _____

How Do We Overcome Temptation?

- What do we do when we have fallen?
 - 1 John 1:8-10--We must continually confess our sins and trust in God's forgiveness through Christ (See also 1 John 2:1-2).
 - Phil. 3:10-14--We must keep pressing on.
- Rom. 6 presents the basis for our victory over temptation.
 - According to verses 1-10, 14; what does Paul say happened to us when we came to Christ? _____

 - What do verses 11-13 command? _____

 - Trust and obey (See also 1 Pet. 5:9, 1 John 5:4-5)
- Eph. 6:10-17 reveals that we need what? _____
We are to make use of the spiritual weapons of God's truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the hope of salvation, and God's word.
- What else do we need according to Eph. 6:18-20? _____
 - Matt. 6:13—Deliverance from temptation is part of the Lord's pattern prayer for us.
 - Heb. 4:14-16 tells us to do what? _____

- 2 Tim. 2:22 gives what two commands? _____
We must replace sinful desires with Christian desires and pursuits.