

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW

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With Every Temptation There is Escape

*The secret to overcoming temptation?
Run toward the Savior, Jesus Christ.*

“I can resist everything but temptation.”
—Oscar Wilde

“The biggest problem that Christians have is temptation. By far, it is the biggest problem. If you can eliminate temptation, you can eliminate sin.” —John MacArthur

“No one knows how bad he is until he tries to be good.” —C.S. Lewis

Notes:



I. Temptation is _____

1 Corinthians 10:13

Temptation is the enticement to fulfill a God-given desire in a God-forbidden way.

Notes:

2. Temptation is _____

James 1:13-15

Temptation is something inside of me that wants fulfillment in something outside of God.

Notes:

Virtue: _____

Refusing to give up when life gets hard.

3. Temptation is _____

Hebrews 4:15

Notes:

Temptation in and of itself is not a sin, but yielding to temptation always results in sin and its consequences.

Matthew 4:1-11

- _____ Appetites
- _____ Ambition
- _____ Allegiance

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Hebrews 2:14-18

Notes:

4. Temptation is _____

1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Timothy 4:18

Temptation is not a struggle we can win, but there is a Savior who has overcome.

If you would master temptation, you must first let Christ master you.

Notes:

“In our members there is a slumbering inclination towards desire which is both sudden and fierce. With irresistible power, desire seizes mastery over the

flesh. All at once a secret, smouldering fire is kindled. The flesh burns and is in flames. It makes no difference whether it is sexual desire or ambition or vanity or desire for revenge or love of family and power or greed for money or, finally, that strange desire for the beauty of the world, of nature. Joy in God is... extinguished in us and we seek all our joy in the creature. At this moment God is quite unreal to us, he loses all reality, and only desire for the creature is real; the only reality is the devil. Satan does not fill us with hatred of God, but with forgetfulness of God... The lust thus aroused envelops the mind and will of man in deepest darkness. The powers of clear discrimination and of decision are taken from us." —Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Temptation*



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