

**“The Fight is ON!!! - temptation”****Text: I Corinthians 10:13**

1. The root of Satan’s temptations toward us: to get us to establish our identity on something other than God’s \_\_\_\_\_ over us in Christ. The moment he convinces us to insert that question mark into our lives, our security disappears and our strength evaporates.
2. John Piper says that sin “gets its power by \_\_\_\_\_ me to believe that I will be happier if I follow it. The power of all temptation is the prospect that it will make me happier.”

**I Peter 5:8-9 – “Control yourselves and be careful! The devil, your enemy, goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat. <sup>9</sup> Refuse to give in to him, by standing strong in your faith. You know that your Christian family all over the world is having the same kinds of suffering.”**

**I Corinthians 10:13 - “The only temptation that has come to you is that which everyone has. But you can trust God, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand. But when you are tempted, he will also give you a way to escape so that you will be able to stand it.”**

3. What can a Christ-follower do?
  - A. Learn to say \_\_\_\_\_! to the temptation. Read the Bible; know the Bible; obey the Bible.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation.
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation.
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation.
  - E. Make a predetermined decision that you are no longer going to \_\_\_\_\_ the sin.
4. We will NEVER win battles against temptations by TRYING \_\_\_\_\_. Temptation is so much stronger and more experienced than we are. It is a “serial killer” and it will not settle for anything other than TOTAL domination of our lives.

## 5. Joseph's 5 Steps to Avoid Temptation

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ - take it - *"How can I do such an evil thing?"*
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ sin - Joseph recognized what Potiphar's wife wanted as something wicked and terrible. *"This is an evil thing."*
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ to God - Joseph recognized, if he gratified his desires, he would *sin against God*.
- D. Refuse to be \_\_\_\_\_ - Joseph not only refused to go to bed with Potiphar's wife, but he refused to even be in the same house with her, alone.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ - When Joseph was unavoidably confronted with temptation, he fled.