

ESCAPING TEMPTATION

~THE VICTORY~

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

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Temptation:

- **What it is.**
- **Where it does NOT come from.**
- **Where it DOES come from.**
- **And how to escape it.**

**Listen, before a new life in Christ
Temptations were Opportunities. Not
necessarily looked down on but a
chance to perhaps get away with
something. Not as sin or as an Offense
to God, but as FUN.**

Sin:

- **Sin will always take you further than you wanted to go,**
- **Keep you longer than you wanted to stay,**
- **Cost you more than you thought it would cost. and,**
- **Does more harm than you thought it would.**

1 Corinthians 10:13

13 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.

We can have full confidence that:-

No temptation is so great. The Devil is not so powerful, demons are not so effective, Their schemes are not so subtle, the empowered flesh is not so weak, the human heart is not so deceived as to make us perpetual victims of temptation.

James 1:12 – 16

- 12 Blessed (Happy) is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.**
- 13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;**
- 14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.**

15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

When you are tempted it is not strange, it is not unusual, it's does not hit some -- and not others -- but all are tempted during the Sanctification process. The thing you can be certain of when you are tempted is that - - it is now your turn. And that's it.

So, 1 Corinthians 10:13 begins:-

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man.

Jesus Himself experienced this and the book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus was in all points tempted like we are. And it says He was made like unto His brethren. And that He suffered the temptations that are common to us all.

Jeremiah 17:9... *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*

Genesis 3:12 ... *"The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."*

- **God can and will test us, to do good but He will not tempt us to do evil..**
- **But whether in a test or faced with temptation, God will work it for our good not let it go too far plus give us an escape from it.**
- **Meanwhile the Devil will try and kill us in the middle of it.**

John 10: 10 – 11

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

So Gods testing, is to sift out the chaff and to keep the wheat -- which is good.

But Satan will tempt you to sift out the wheat and have you hang on to the empty chaff.

James 1:

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The Greek word used for entice; To catch by bait, to allure, to deceive...

The bible say, that we are to flee temptation, like Joseph when he was tempted sexually by Potiphar's wife. He did the wisest, bravest thing he could do, He ran.

Psalm 119: 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Your heart when it comes to temptation is to be a scriptural storage unit. storing away the word of God in our hearts -- saving it up for the rainy days of Temptation.

It is also important to mention that the Christian fights from victory and not for victory. Jesus has won the battle at the cross already for us -- breaking the power of sin and death and the enemy.

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2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one..

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

We must cop to our fallings to temptation -- and repent of them, to be forgiven and course correct.

Also in our verse for today God not only promises to limit our Temptations but and I love this to -- make the way of escape...

Bible commentator Barclay writes:

“The word for a way of escape is really a mountain pass, with the idea of an army being surrounded by the enemy, and then suddenly seeing an escape route to safety!”

And the way out is *through*...the way out is *through*. Listen carefully: The way out of the temptation is to bear it, to endure it -- as a trial to help you grow and never let it become a temptation, an enticement to sin.

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience

4 But let patience have [its] perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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