

TEMPTATION

I CORINTHIANS 10:12-14

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friends, flee from
idolatry.

**Salvation is not a fool
proof barrier for
temptation.**

**If anything, it puts a
bigger target on your
back.**

When it comes to temptation there are two ways in which we respond.

1. We give in

2. We overcome

**So what do you do
with temptation?**

**1. Who is affected by
temptation?**

EVERYONE

David

Peter

Jesus

**I do believe that each
of us have one area
where we are more apt
to fall.**

**Hebrews 12:1 Therefore,
since we also have such
a large cloud of
witnesses surrounding
us, let us lay aside every
weight and the sin that
so easily ensnares us.**

The concern we should have is in thinking that we have arrived at a place where we are above giving in and sinning.

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whoever thinks he
stands must be careful
not to fall.**

**Proverbs 16:18 Pride
comes before
destruction, and an
arrogant spirit before a
fall.**

**So why doesn't God
just take away all
temptation?**

**If there were no
temptation to sin, then
we would have no need
to be overcomers.**

**Without a battle, there
is no victory in 'Jesus.**

**We also need to
express our
dependence on Him.**

**2. Where does
temptation come from?**

**Understand that
temptation is
“common” to man.**

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**There are three areas
where temptation
comes from.**

1 John 2:16 For everything that belongs to the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's lifestyle—is not from the Father, but is from the world.

A. Flesh

**You and I inherited a
sin nature from Adam.**

**We are born with a
bent toward sin.**

**We continue through
life with a choice to
make. How will we
walk?**

**Galatians 5:16 I say
then, walk by the Spirit
and you will not carry
out the desire of the
flesh.**

**Galatians 5:17 For the
flesh desires what is
against the Spirit, and the
Spirit desires what is
against the flesh; these
are opposed to each
other, so that you don't
do what you want.**

B. World

James 4:4 Adulteresses!

**Don't you know that
friendship with the world
is hostility toward God?
So whoever wants to be
the world's friend
becomes God's enemy.**

**Is it possible for a
believer to become so
worldly that they fail to
stand out for the Lord?**

**How do you and I keep
from getting there?**

**Romans 12:1 Therefore,
brothers, by the mercies
of God, I urge you to
present your bodies as a
living sacrifice, holy and
pleasing to God; this is
your spiritual worship.**

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

C. Devil

**The devils goal is to
see you fail and fall.**

**1. So God is
dishonored**

**2. So you are useless
to the Kingdom**

**3. How do we defeat
temptation?**

A. Flight

B. Faith

C. Fight

A. Flight

**1 Corinthians 6:18 Run
from sexual immorality!**

Ex. Joseph

1 Corinthians 10:14
Therefore, my dear
friends, flee from
idolatry.

**2 Timothy 2:22 Flee from
youthful passions, and
pursue righteousness,
faith, love, and peace,
along with those who
call on the Lord from a
pure heart.**

**Proverbs 6:27-28 Can
a man embrace fire
and his clothes not be
burned? Can a man
walk on burning coals
without scorching his
feet?**

B. Faith

**We need faith that in
giving up the world,
God will be all we
need.**

**1 John 5:3 For this is
what love for God is: to
keep His commands.
Now His commands
are not a burden,**

**1 John 5:4 because
whatever has been
born of God conquers
the world. This is the
victory that has
conquered the world:
our faith.**

**“Faith is the victory
that overcomes the
world.”**

C. Fight

**James 4:7 Therefore,
submit to God. But
resist the Devil, and he
will flee from you.**

**1 Peter 5:8 Be serious!
Be alert! Your
adversary the Devil is
prowling around like a
roaring lion, looking for
anyone he can devour.**

**Remember that the
devil does not fear you,
but he is terrified and
defeated by the blood
of Jesus.**

**This helps us to
remember who the
fight belongs to.**

**We defeat temptation
through the power of
the Holy Spirit.**

**So what are you
struggling with today?**

**Are you going to
stand strong?**

**Romans 8:31 What
then are we to say
about these things? If
God is for us, who is
against us?**