

Simple Church Series Part 7

Victory over Temptation! I Corinthians 10:12-14

>Bible = God's Dependable Inerrant Word >Saved Know It Secure and Forever

>Sin ≠ Loss of Salvation But we need Forgiveness >How to turn Temptations around for Victory!

¹² *If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.* ¹³ *The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.* ¹⁴ *So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols.* I Corinthians 10:12-14

People deal with temptation several ways....

1. **Give In** we justify we rationalize no worries excuse alibi *Live Like the Animals*
2. **Fight Temptation** but we fight in power of our OWN strength = few victories many defeats
3. **God's Way** Overcoming and Victorious thru HIS STRENGTH

GOD'S PLAN FOR SNATCHING VICTORY FROM THE JAWS OF DEFEAT!

1. Realize the Subjects of Temptations! **EVERY** man and women including **JESUS!**

¹⁴ *So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.* ¹⁵ *This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings [temptations KJV] we do, yet He did not sin.* Hebrews 4:14-15

Four Conclusions about Jesus being Tempted and Tested

1. If Jesus was tempted we surely will be *servant is not above the Master* John 15:20
2. It is possible to escape without sin *He will show you a way out* I Corinthians 10:13
3. Temptation is **NOT** sin *He was tempted but without sin* Hebrews 4:15
4. He understands what we are dealing with *understands our weaknesses* Hebrews 4:15

>A "believer" who just gives in and has no remorse or conviction is **NOT** a true believer!

>A believer who fights Temptations in their own strength will soon be Frustrated!

Why doesn't God kill the devil & get rid of all evil? If God is all powerful why hasn't He removed evil? This dilemma actually **PROVES GOD exists!** >It is because of God we know what is Evil!

> Man has shown man is not the answer! >He simply hasn't removed it **YET!!!!**

Also, He would Remove **TWO** Wonderful Experiences for US!

1. We can Express our **Love for Him** because there is a choice!
2. We would Lose the Power and Ability to be **Overcomers** in Jesus Christ! I Cor. 15:57

2. Identify the Sources of Our Temptations

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. I Corinthians 10:13

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. 2 Corinthians 2:11

Three Sources of Temptations World Flesh Devil

- >External Enemy—WORLD [kosmos] *philosophy/worldview that totally ignores God.* I John 2:15 Romans 12:2
- >Internal Enemy—FLESH [sarx] *our internal desire/pressure to sin.* Galatians 5:16
- >Infernal Enemy—DEVIL *not a cartoon but real enemy.* I Peter 5:8

3. Recognize the Avenues of Our Temptation 3 “Avenues” of Temptation **Soul** **Body** **Spirit**

Soul Attack External Foe Soul = Self/others Consciousness Mind Emotions Will
Abraham and Lot Appeals to ego

Body Attack Internal Foe Body = Environment Consciousness 5 Senses
David & Bathsheba Appetites Laziness Lust Violence

Spirit Attack Infernal Foe Spirit = God Consciousness
Peter Luke 22 Trying to break our connection with God

4. Remember We Can Have Victory Over Temptation ¹³ *The temptations in your life are no differentHe will not allow the temptation to be more than you can standHe will show you a way out*

Three Words For Handling Temptations (Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse)

Flight **Faith** **Fight**

>Flesh **FLIGHT** *Flee fornication* I Cor. 6:18 *Flee youthful lusts* 2 Timothy 2:22

>World **FAITH** *And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.* 1 John 5:4

>Devil **FIGHT** *Resist the Devil and he will flee from you.* James 4:7

¹¹ *And they overcame him [devil] by the **blood of the Lamb** and by the **word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death.* Revelation 12:11