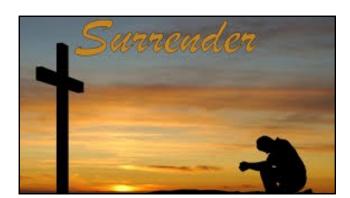


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Chapter 6: OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

- The Source
- · The Seduction
- · The Solution





¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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"I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

James 1:13

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- 1. God is not tempted to do wrong & He does not tempt us to do wrong.
- 2. TEMPTATION COMES FROM AN EVIL DESIRE WITH IN US.
- 3. The best way to resist the temptation is to turn to God for strength & choose to obey His word

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| 12 For we do not wrestle against | |
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| flesh and blood, but against | |
| principalities, against powers, | |
| against the rulers of the darkness | of |
| this age, against spiritual hosts of | f |
| wickedness in the heavenly place | s. |

Ephesians 6:12

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¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

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¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 John 2:16

¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

1 John 5:19

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⁴ Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

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¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

James 1:14-15

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¹⁵ Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."
Genesis 2:15-17

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| | ³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent | |
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| | deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your | |
| | minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. | |
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| | ⁶ So when the woman saw that the | |
| | tree was good for food, that it was | |
| | pleasant to the eyes, and a tree | |
| | desirable to make one wise, she took | |
| | of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. | |
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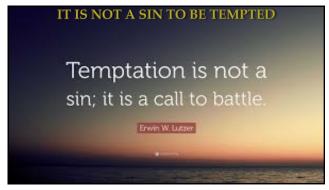


Tempt To entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain. As believers of Christ we all experience temptation to some degree.

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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.

1 Corinthians 10:13



¹⁸ Since He himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18 (NLT)

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| ³ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have | |
| you considered My servant Job, that | |
| there is none like him on the earth, a | |
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| blameless and upright man, one who | |
| fears God and shuns evil? And still he | |
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| holds fast to his integrity, although | |
| you incited Me against him, to | |
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| destroy him without cause." | |
| Job 2:3 | |
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My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

JAMES 1:2-3

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10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10



⁹ So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" ¹² And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan, went out from the presence of the Lord. ^{1:9-12}



| ⁶ Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was | |
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| handsome in form and appearance. ⁷ And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, | |
| "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has | |
| committed all that he has to my hand. 9 There is no one greater in this | |
| house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because | |
| you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ¹⁰ So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he | |
| did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her. 11 But it happened | |
| about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, ¹² that she caught him by his | |
| garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, | |
| and ned and ran outside. Genesis 39:6-12 | 1 |

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 So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" 6 And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life." 7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

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1 Corinthians 10:13

²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22

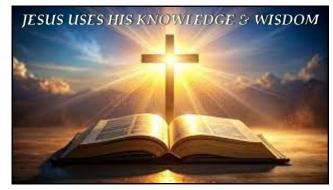
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⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4



¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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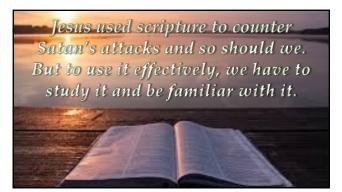
³ During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone."" Matthew 4:3-11 (NLT)

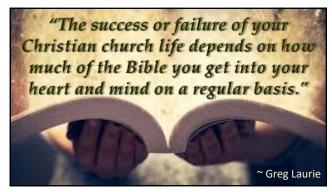
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⁷ Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God." ⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." ¹⁰ "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him." ¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Matthew 4:3-11 (NLT)

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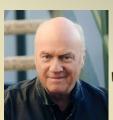




¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:11

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"When those temptations strike. You want your mind so saturated with God's word that it will be like a spiritual computer," quotes Pastor Greg Laure. He adds, "when you face decisions or temptations, you automatically remember the scriptures that relate to that particular situation."

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:26

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Summary

Overcoming temptation will make you stronger spiritually. You will learn to place more trust in God. That is always your best decision.

Study Verse of the Month

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