

Dealing With Temptation

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when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
James 1:14 – I Corinthians 10:13 – Hebrews 4:15*

<p><u><i>Walking With Jesus</i></u></p> <p><i>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should <u>follow in his steps</u>. – I Peter 2:21</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Walk - True Discipleship2. How to be Born Again3. How to Have Assurance4. How to Be Happy5. How to Pray6. How to Read the Bible7. How to Deal with Sin8. <u>How to Deal w/Temptation</u>9. How to Deal w/Doubts10. How to Make Jesus Lord11. How to Obey God12. How to Serve God
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There are several Christian Classics that are very helpful in maturing as a Christian.

The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life by Hannah Whitehall Smith

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

I. There Are Errors About Temptation

James 1:14

1. Thinking God Tempts Us. - No! Cannot blame God.
2. Thinking Temptation Is Sin. - Jesus was tempted, yet without sin
3. Thinking Temptation Can Be Irradiated - thinking temptation will cease
4. Thinking I am Not Tempted.- we are all tempted, even when unaware

At what point does a tempting thought become sin?

When conceived... brings forth (births) sin... Brings forth death... James 1:15

II. There Are Areas of Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11 - Jesus was tempted in “all points” as we are.

I. The Temptation to Forsake (forget) the Lord

II. The Temptation to Indulge in *self-ambition* or *pleasure*

III. The Temptation to Quit believing, trusting, living for Christ

III. There Are Your Own Temptations

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drawn away – of his own lust – and enticed.

Drawn Away - vrs 14a

1828 exelko *ex-el'-ko* (lured)

1) to draw out 2) lure forth: in hunting and fishing as game is lured from its hiding place, so man by lure is allured from the safety of self-restraint to sin. In #Jas 1:14, the language of the hunting

Own Lusts - vrs 14b

2398 idios *id'-ee-os* (own self)

1939 epit-humia *ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah* (lusts) syn: affections, or passions

1) desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust

Enticed - vrs 14c

1185 deleazo *del-eh-ad'-zo* (baited, fooled)

from the base of 1388; ;v

1) to bait, catch by a bait

2) metaph. to beguile by blishments, allure, entice, deceive

(Own Lusts) All Manner (Categories) of Temptations

I Corinthians 10:13 – Hebrews 4:15

Temptation is always to TRADE-OFF something good, for something better.

“Common To Man”

Anthro-common – man-common sins.

442 anthro-pinos *anth-ro'-pee-nos* (mankind-nature or natural)

AV-man's 3, after the manner of man 1, of man 1, common to man 1, mankind+5449 1; 7

1) human 1a) applied to things belonging to men

“All Points” like as we are, yet without sin.

3956 pas pas

AV-all 748, all things 170, all manner of 11, every thing 7, any 7, whatsoever 6,

1) individually 1a) each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything

2) collectively 2a) some of all types

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...“the **whole world** has gone after him” Did all the world go after Christ? “then went all Judea, and were baptized of him in Jordan.” Was all Judea, or all Jerusalem, baptized in Jordan? “Ye are of God, little children”, and the **whole world** lieth in the wicked one”. Does the whole world there mean everybody? The words “world” and “all” are used in some seven or eight senses in Scripture, and it is very rarely the “all” means all persons, taken individually. The words are generally used to signify that Christ has redeemed some of **all sorts** --some Jews, some Gentiles, some rich, some poor, and has not restricted His redemption to either Jew or Gentile... (C.H. Spurgeon from a sermon on Particular Redemption)

All Categories of Sins (Seven)

Rom 1:29-32, 1 Cor. 6:8-10, 1 Cor 10:6-10, Gal 5:19-21, Eph 4:25-31, 2 Tim 3:1-8, Rev. 21:8

Spiritual	Mental	Emotional	Verbal	Physical	Financial	Ego
Idolatry	Doubts	Hatred	Curse	Sexual	Cheating	Pride
Witchcraft	Fears	Jealousy	Swear	Sensual	Workaholic	Self-pity
Fortunes	Worry	Anger	Lie	Drugs	Things	Ambition
Horoscopes	Anxiety	Bitterness	Criticize	Alcohol	Not Tithing	Greed
Ouija Boards	Evil Thoughts	Prejudice	Condemn	Smoking	Stealing	Coveting
Charms	Fantasies	Self-Pity	Gossip	Body worship	Lotto	Prejudice
		Discouraged	Slander	Beauty obsession	Gambling	
		Depressed	Blasphemy	Figure obsession	Fraud	

- Where Are Your Weakness?
- Your Easily Besetting Sins?
- Your Temptations?

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Common Sins and Temptations

What are your temptations, or easily besetting sins?

1. adultery-emotional
2. adultery-in-mind
3. adultery-physical
4. abuser
5. anger
6. anorexia
7. backbiting
8. backsliding
9. bitterness
10. brawler
11. breach of confidence
12. bulimia
13. callous
14. cheating
15. clamor
16. complaining
17. compulsive
18. condemning
19. covetous
20. critical
21. cry-baby
22. cursing
23. cynical
24. defensive
25. demanding
26. dirty mind
27. disobedient to authorities
28. disobedient to parents
29. doubt
30. drunkenness
31. easily hurt
32. evil joking
33. evil speaking
34. excessive debt
35. faithless
36. falsify
37. fears
38. fortune tellers
39. gamble
40. getting even
41. gluttony
42. grumbling
43. hatred
44. hatred
45. hoarding things
46. hopeless
47. horoscopes
48. hypocrisy
49. idolatry
50. impatient
51. inconsiderate
52. inconsistent
53. indifferent
54. irresponsible
55. jealous
56. judgmental
57. jump-to-conclusions
58. know-it-all
59. laziness
60. lewdness
61. lying
62. lost 1st love
63. lukewarm
64. lust-mind
65. lustful imagination
66. mal-content
67. meddling
68. money addiction
69. murder
70. murmuring
71. necromancy
72. neglect of children
73. neglect of church
74. neglect of family
75. neglect of fellowship
76. neglect of gifts
77. neglect of parents
78. neglect of service
79. neglect of spouse
80. ouija-boards
81. over-spender
82. overeating
83. perfectionist
84. pessimistic
85. pleasure seeker
86. pornography
87. prejudice
88. procrastination
89. promise breaker
90. proud
91. psychic-hotlines
92. quarrelsome
93. quitter
94. resentful
95. respect of persons
96. rudeness
97. sarcastic
98. self-centered
99. self-destruction
100. self-hatred
101. self-indulgent
102. self-pity
103. self-serving
104. severe
105. sex sins
106. slander
107. sharp answers
108. smoking
109. spiteful
110. sports-aholic
111. steal
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113. steal tithe
114. stinginess
115. suicidal thoughts
116. superstitions
117. swearing
118. temper
119. touchy
120. un-sympathetic
121. unfairness
122. unkind
123. unloving
124. unreliable
125. unfaithful
126. vengeful
127. vulgar
128. wishing evil
129. witchcraft
130. workaholic
131. worry

Try to identify at least five areas in which you struggle with temptation. They may not be listed here. Be honest. They are your temptations.

Scriptures

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

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Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.