

**THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD AND MISUSED  
VERSES FROM SCRIPTURE - Part VI**  
Reference: **I Corinthians 10:5-13**  
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This word temptation is translated from the Greek word “*peirasmos*.” That word has multiple meanings. *Peirasmos* can mean \_\_\_\_\_ and that same word can also mean a \_\_\_\_\_ to commit sin.

Question: Which meaning did the author, Paul, have in mind in using this word temptation? Is it a reference to all the troubles and tough times we experience or is it addressing the temptation and enticement to commit sin?

It cannot be both because that would constitute a particular exegetical fallacy Dr. D.A. Carson calls “*illegitimate totality transfer*” i.e. the attempt to read every possible meaning of a word into just a single usage of that word.

Definition: *Illegitimate totality transfer* means to illegitimately and wrongly transfer a word’s **total possible** \_\_\_\_\_, with all its variations and nuances, and forcing those all into a particular context.

In **verse thirteen** this word temptation can mean trouble or it can mean a temptation, an enticement and solicitation to commit sin; but, it cannot mean both things in this one verse.

The point is to determine what the author (Paul) meant to communicate through the word he used in this specific context.

Read **verses five** through **twelve**

Four sins that characterized the Israelites during the wilderness wanderings:

- \_\_\_\_\_ - **verse seven**
- \_\_\_\_\_ - immorality **verse eight**
- \_\_\_\_\_ - God’s patience **verse nine**
- \_\_\_\_\_ - **verse ten**

The entire context would indicate that Paul is addressing sin and using this Greek word translated as “*temptation*” to mean a *temptation* and an *enticement to commit sin* and not troubles per se.

Notice some things about the temptation mentioned in this verse:

**ONE** is that temptation is \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

Notice “*No temptation has overtaken you except **such as is common to man...***”

**TWO** is that temptation has its \_\_\_\_\_.

Notice “*...but God is faithful, **who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able...***”

God does sometimes give us more trouble and tough times than we can handle but He never gives us more than \_\_\_\_\_.

**THREE** is that God provides an \_\_\_\_\_ from temptation.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid temptation  
Reference: **Matthew 6:13; Mark 14:38** (see screen)
- use appropriate \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **Matthew 4:1-11**  
Reference: **Psalms 119:11** (see screen)
- \_\_\_\_\_ potential temptation and \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from that possible temptation  
Reference: **I Corinthians 6:18; 10:14; II Timothy 2:22** (see screen)
- consider the long term \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **Galatians 6:7** (see screen)
- be \_\_\_\_\_ to someone  
Reference: **Proverbs 27:17; James 5:16a** (see screen)