

Lessons For The Church Lessons For You!

"Learning to be an OVERCOMER!"

Reference: **James 1:12-18**

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I. THINGS I KNOW ABOUT TEMPTATION

- A. God does not tempt anyone. (v.13)
- B. God allows us to be tempted.
Reference: **Job 1:12**
- C. Temptation presents a choice; we do not have to give in to it. (v.12)
- D. God will help us concerning the right choice.
Reference: **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- E. Temptation is a choice that brings out what we are in our hearts. (v.14)
- F. We will never get beyond temptation in this life.
Reference: **1 Corinthians 10:12**

II. FIVE STEPS THAT CAN BRING US DOWN

- A. Drawn away by your lust (inward desire) (v.14).
- B. Enticed (outward) (v. 14).
- C. Lust conceived (desire grows) (v.15).
- D. Brings forth sin (action) (v.15).
- E. Brings forth death (consequences) (v.15).
 - 1. The consequences of sin are both immediate and postponed till after death.
 - 2. Immediate realities that are the result of sin.
 - 3. Postponed realities concerning eternity and what we leave behind.

III. HOW DO WE FACE TEMPTATION AND OVERCOME?

- A. Realize God is there for you.
Reference: **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- B. Realize God has wisdom about your temptation.
Reference: **2 Peter 2:9**
- C. Realize God has a way of escape.
Reference: **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- D. Realize God knows your weakness.
Reference: **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- E. Realize our example, Christ, overcame temptation.
Reference: **Hebrews 4:15**

- F. Realize Christ prays for us to overcome temptation.
Reference: **Hebrews 7:25**
- G. Realize Christ wants us to overcome temptation.
Reference: **Hebrews 4:16**
- H. Realize that temptations can get you discouraged, so that you give up and sin.
Reference: **1 Peter 1:6**
 - 1. Temptation is not sin, but can (and will) get you thinking negatively.
 - 2. Negative thoughts (discouragements) can (and will) cause you to give up.
- I. Pray for help in temptation.
Reference: **Hebrews 4:16**
- J. Recognize you belong to God.
Reference: **Romans 6:11**
- K. Yield yourself to God.
Reference: **Romans 6:13**
 - 1. Just say NO.
Reference: **Romans 6:12**
 - 2. Just say YES.
Reference: **Romans 6:17**