

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEMPTATION

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TEXT: James 1:12; 1 Corinthians 10:13

INTRODUCTION:

Ask the congregation these questions.

1. Is everyone tempted?
2. Is it a sin to be tempted?
3. Can we overcome temptation?
4. Who is the tempter?
5. Where does temptation come from?
6. What are the three categories of temptation found in **I John 2:15-17**?
7. What are some of the reasons why we are overcome by temptation?
 - a. We listen to much to the devil.
 - b. We get in the devil's territory.
 - c. We think wrong.
 - d. We give up, give in and become discouraged.
 - e. We are drawn away by our own desires.
 - f. We don't walk in the spirit.

Now let us look at How To Overcome Temptation.

I. KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

I John 4:4, *“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”*

I John 5:4, *“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*

Hebrews 4:14-16, *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 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. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

II. PRAY THAT YOU ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Matthew 26:41, *“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

The Lord's prayer, found in **Matthew 6:9-13** says in **verse 13**, *“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:...”*

III. STOP TEMPTATION AT THE DOOR AND DON'T GIVE IN

Ephesians 4:7, *“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”*

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

I Peter 5:7-9, *“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”*

IV. RENEW YOUR MIND WITH THE WORD

Romans 12:1-2, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.....”*

II Peter 2:9, *“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:”*

V. CAST DOWN IMAGINATIONS

II Corinthians 10:4-5, *“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”*

Ephesians 6:12-14, *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore...”*

VI. DON'T ARGUE WITH THE DEVIL, QUOTE HIM THE WORD

Jesus said in **Matthew 4:4**, *“...it is written..”*

Comment of **Matthew 4**.

Just resist him using the Word of God and demand that he go.

CONCLUSION:

To overcome temptation is to overcome the tempter, the devil.