

## **Temptation: Cause and Cure**

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in **any transgression**, you who are spiritual should **restore him** in a spirit of **gentleness**. **Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.**

1Corinthians 6:18 **Flee from sexual immorality**. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

1Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body is a temple** of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own,**

1Corinthians 6:20 **for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

1Corinthians 7:2 But because of the **temptation to sexual immorality**, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

1Corinthians 7:5 Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, **so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.**

1Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

John 10:10 The **thief** comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.**

1Thessalonians 3:5 For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow **the tempter had tempted you** and **our labor would be in vain.**

James 1:14 But each **person is tempted** when he is **lured** and **enticed** by his own **desire.**

James 1:15 Then **desire** when it has conceived **gives birth to sin**, and **sin when it is fully grown brings forth death**.

James 1:16 ¶ **Do not be deceived**, my beloved brothers.

James 1:17 **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, coming down **from the Father** of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Mark 14:38 **Watch** and **pray** that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, **but the flesh is weak.**”

Hebrews 12:1 ¶ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also **lay aside every encumbrance** and **the sin which so easily entangles us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, **who for the joy set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 2:1 ¶ Therefore **we must pay much closer attention** to what we have heard, **lest we drift away from it**.

Ezekiel 16:49 Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had **pride**, **excess of food**, and **prosperous ease**, but **did not aid the poor and needy**.

Proverbs 24:30 ¶ I passed by the field of a **sluggard**, by the vineyard of a man **lacking sense**,

Proverbs 24:31 and behold, it was all **overgrown with thorns**; the ground was **covered with nettles**, and its **stone wall was broken down**.

Proverbs 24:32 Then **I saw and considered it;** I looked and **received instruction.**

Proverbs 24:33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,

Proverbs 24:34 and poverty will come upon you **like a robber,** and want like an armed man.

Hebrews 3:13 But **exhort one another every day,** as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by **the deceitfulness of sin.**

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man who **walks not** in the counsel of the wicked, nor **stands** in the way of sinners, nor **sits** in the seat of scoffers;

Psalms 1:2 but **his delight is in the law of the LORD,** and on his law he **meditates day and night.**

1John 2:14b I write to you, young men, because **you are strong,** and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Psalms 119:9 **How can a young man keep his way pure?** By **guarding it according to your word.**

Philippians 4:8 ¶ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, **think about these things.**

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Ephesians 4:22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through **deceitful desires,**

Psalms 15:1 O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

Psalms 15:2 ¶ He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and **speaks truth in his heart;**

1John 2:15 ¶ Do not love the world or the things in the world. **If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

“THERE are two ways in which a practical moralist may attempt to **displace from the human heart its love of the world** - either by a demonstration of the world's vanity, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon **simply to withdraw its regards from an object that is not worthy of it;** or, **by setting forth another object, even God, as more worthy of its attachment,** so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon not to resign an old affection, which shall have nothing to succeed it, but to exchange an old affection for a new one. My purpose is to show, that from the constitution of our nature, the former method is altogether incompetent and ineffectual and that the latter method will alone suffice for the rescue and recovery of the heart from the wrong affection that domineers over it”

“But what cannot be destroyed, may be dispossessed and one taste may be made to give way to another, and to lose it's power entirely as the reigning affection of the mind. It is thus, that the boy ceases, at length, to be the slave of his appetite, but it is because a manlier taste has now brought it into subordination - and that the youth ceases to idolize pleasure, but it is because the idol of wealth has become the stronger and gotten the ascendancy and that even the love of money ceases to have the mastery over the heart of many a thriving citizen, but it is because drawn into, the whirl of city politics, another affection has been wrought into his moral system, and he is now lorded over by the love of power. There is not one of these transformations in which the heart is left without an object. **Its desire for one particular object may be conquered; but as to its desire for having some one object or other, this is unconquerable.**”

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Psalms 42:1 ¶ As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants **my soul for you, O God.**

Psalms 4:7 You have put **more joy in my heart** than they have when their grain and wine abound.

Psalms 34:8 ¶ Oh, **taste and see** that the **LORD is good!** Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Psalms 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, **how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

2Corinthians 5:15 and he died for all, that those who live **might no longer live for themselves** but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Psalms 84:10 ¶ For **a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Genesis 39:9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. **How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"**

Isaiah 33:17a Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty...