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Prayer





Tithes and Offering WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING



WATCH AND PRAY

"...AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION..."

"BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE"

Matthew 6:13

Definition of temptation: ...the enticement of a person to commit a sin is when the benefits of the act provide some kind of advantage, benefit, help, gain, reward or affirmation.

There are three basic origins of temptations:

Satan

World

1 John 2:15-16

Flesh

There are three basic preventatives to temptation:

God (Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ)

The Word of God (Bible)

Internal Resolve (self control, will power, determination)

- How do you deal with temptations?
- When are you most inclined to give in to a temptation?
- Is, "giving in" to temptation always a sin?
- Do you yield to temptations more when you are alone, or with others?
- Are you tempted more by SATAN, the WORLD, or the FLESH?
- How do "thoughts" influence you?

What scriptures do you rely on when you feel tempted? Remember when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he used scripture verses to refute Satan. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and sin, when it is fullgrown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13-15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

Galatians 5:15-17

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:15-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:10-17

SHORT AND QUICK

- Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me"
- James 4:7 "...resist the devil and he will flee from you"
- Matt. 16:33 " ...get behind me Satan..."
- 1 John 4:4 "...for the one who is in me (Holy Spirit) is greater than the one in the world...(Satan)"

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The Word of God (Bible)

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When WE give God, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ the control of our lives, we also give him control over our INTERNAL RESOLVE, (self control, will power and determination). But all of these things are influenced tremendously by our background, our training, our education and experiences, which means we can make mistakes, we can falter, we can fumble, we can learn, we can train, we can vacillate but we can also discover new and different ways of doing things.

What I am going to do next is read a report to you which emphasizes how our humanity can be influenced by the INTERNAL RESOLVE:

What I have done so far is a kind of mini sermon on TEMPTATION.

I am going to switch gears now, and go a Bibliodrama which is in the garden of Gethsemane. I need a Peter, James, John and a Jesus. We are going to go to the scriptures of Matthew, Mark and Luke, for they all have a version of what happened that night after the supper in the upper room when Jesus went out to pray in the garden, and he took the disciples with him for support.

MATTHEW 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (continued)

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Matthew 26:36-46

MARK 14:32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? (continued)

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Mark 14:32-42

LUKE 22:40-46

On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. (continued)

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Luke 22:40-46

MATTHEW VERSION:

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

The spirit is willing, but the body is weak...

Watch and pray. He uses the word watch, three times.

LUKE VERSION:

The Luke version is the only one that states an angel came and visited him, and the only one which states that his sweat were as great drops of blood. Pray that you will not fall into temptation.

MARK VERSION:

Mark's version reports that Jesus was overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Also, he said, "Abba father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet, not what I will, but what you will." Watch and pray that you not fall into temptation.



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