

I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE TEMPTATIONS

1 Corinthians 10:12–13 (September 8, 2024)

I. THREE WAYS TO HANDLE TEMPTATION

- Give In to It
- Fight It
- Overcome It Through Christ

II. THE SUBJECTS OF TEMPTATION

15 This High Priest (Jesus) of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. **Hebrews 4:15**

III. THE SOURCE OF TEMPTATION

1. The External Foe—the World

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. **1 John 2:15**

2. The Internal Foe—the Flesh

19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. **Galatians 5:19-21**

3. The Infernal Foe—the Devil

12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12**

IV. THE SEAT OF TEMPTATION

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

1. The First Seat of Temptation—the Body
2. The Second Seat of Temptation—the Soul
3. The Third Seat of Temptation—the Spirit

- ⇒ The World Attacks the Soul
- ⇒ The Flesh Attacks the Body
- ⇒ The Devil Attacks the Spirit

V. THE SEASONS OF TEMPTATION

1. The Temptations of Youth: Primarily in the realm of the body
2. The Temptations of Middle Age: Primarily in the realm of soul
3. The Temptations of Old Age: Primarily in the realm of spirit

VI. THE SUBDUING OF TEMPTATION

1. Against the World, the Key Word Is F_____.

4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.
5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. **1 John 5:4-5**

2. Against the Flesh, the Key Word Is F_____.

22 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**

3. Against the Devil, the Key Word Is F_____.

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

(Faith - Flight - Fight)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Does sin more often disappoint you because you’ve failed in an area of weakness and let yourself down, or because you’ve grieved the Holy Spirit and transgressed His Word? What does either response reveal about the condition of your heart?
2. What would you say to someone who tried to convince you that the Devil is a figment of your imagination, not a living, deceptive, quite capable enemy of righteousness? How do you know he exists and is at work around you?
3. Has God ever convicted you to abstain from a certain activity, even though it wasn’t outrightly sinful on its own? Why can reasonable pleasures—things that are otherwise good and allowable—sometimes become obstacles to your relationship with God?
4. How could you alert yourself every day to be more diligent and watchful in defense of your personal integrity? And how could you move beyond mere sin avoidance toward a more active pursuit of God’s best, positive choices for your life?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
