

# Discipleship Study 2

## Temptation

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*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith... (2 Peter 1:5)*

Temptation is the experience of being presented with a sinful course of action in one's mind. Temptation is not sinful in itself, but will soon become sinful when entertained and acted upon. It is not even necessary to actually carry out the suggested action for sin to occur, as sin can happen solely in the mind. Giving in to temptation results in sin. Such sin does not cause your salvation to be lost, for it is safe forever (as we saw in a previous study). However sin will damage your fellowship with God, and thus needs to be sorted out immediately it occurs. Please pray now.

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### Section 1 — Your Enemy

Look at 1 Peter 5:8-9. According to 1 Peter 5:8, what is the Devil like?

The devil is like a \_\_\_\_\_ seeking for \_\_\_\_\_ to devour.

According to the next verse (1 Peter 5:9), what is also happening to other believers in the world?

The same \_\_\_\_\_ are happening to them.

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### Section 2 — How to overcome your Enemy

James 4:7 gives a two part plan to overcome the devil. The order is important. What are the steps required?

**2a** \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to God,

**2b** \_\_\_\_\_ the devil.

**2c** If these two things are done, what will be the outcome?

The devil will \_\_\_\_\_ from you.

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### Section 3 — The weapons of resistance.

How did Jesus resist the devil? See Matthew 4:2-11.

What important phrase (three words long) is repeated three times in these verses (vs 4, 7 & 10).

The important phrase that Jesus Christ used is "it is \_\_\_\_\_".

What weapon did Jesus Christ use? Jesus Christ used the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

What did the devil do then? He \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

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### Section 4

Look at Matthew 5:21-22 & 27-28. Where can sin occur (see the end of v28)?

Sin can take place in the \_\_\_\_\_ without actually doing anything.

What two sins are mentioned here? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Section 5 — Keeping Pure.

According to Psalm 119:9 & 11, what two things will make it possible for a young man to keep his way pure and avoid sin?

**5a** By taking \_\_\_\_\_ (paying attention) to the Word of God (v9), and

**5b** by \_\_\_\_\_ the Word in your \_\_\_\_\_ (v11) .

This means the memorization of verses from the Bible. How was Jesus able to quote verses against the devil?  
He had memorized many helpful Bible verses.

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### Section 6

What course of action did the Lord Jesus Christ advise the disciples in order to avoid falling into temptation (Matthew 26:41)?

He advised them to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

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### Section 7

In 1 Corinthians 10:13, God gives a wonderful promise to the believer who is tempted.

**7a** According to this verse, what will God not allow to happen?

The believer will not be \_\_\_\_\_ more than he/she can take.

**7b** What does God always provide?

He will always provide a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

The problem is that at times believers do not take the way that is provided.

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### Section 8

What way of escape is described in 2 Timothy 2:22a?

Escape from sin by \_\_\_\_\_ from youthful lusts and \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness, etc. with those who follow God out of a pure heart (this requires spending time in fellowship with other believers).

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### Section 9

When you fail to resist temptation and thus fall into sin, what should you do (1 John 1:9)?

**9a** I should immediately \_\_\_\_\_ my sin to God.

**9b** What will God then do for you?

He will \_\_\_\_\_ my sin(s) and \_\_\_\_\_ me from all unrighteousness.

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### Memory verse

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
(1 John 1:9)