



TRUTH 1017 Handling Temptation, Part I

I Corinthians 10:12-13

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

- We are not tempted because we are _____, but because we are _____.
- Handled correctly, _____ can bring us closer to _____.
- God's game plan for us is not _____ from temptation but _____ over temptation through dependency on Christ.

I. Ways to Handle Temptation

- A. _____ to it
- B. _____ it
- C. _____ it through _____ (Hebrews 4:15)

II. The Source of Temptation

- A. The _____: The _____ Foe (I John 2:15, Romans 12:2, and James 4:4)
- A Biblical understanding of "the world" is not the _____ or the _____, but the system.
- B. The _____: The _____ Foe (Galatians 5:19-21)
- Our flesh is not our external _____ but our internal _____ to sin. (Psalm 58:3)
- C. The _____: The _____ Foe (Ephesians 6:12)
- Satan is _____ and has an organized _____ against you.

II. The Target of Temptation (I Thessalonians 5:23)

- A. _____
- Our _____ are the physical _____ we wear on planet earth.
 - The _____ tempts our _____.
- B. _____
- Our soul is the psychological part of us - _____, will, and _____.
 - The _____ attacks the _____.
- C. _____ (Hebrews 4:12)
- The spirit and the soul are _____ and _____, but not identical.
 - Our spirit is the part of us that can _____ God and live in _____ with God. (Romans 8:16)
 - The _____ attacks the _____.
 - Satan's chief aim is to drive a wedge between _____ and _____. (Luke 22:31-32)

When my body is right I am healthy;
 when my soul is right I am happy;
 when my spirit is right I am holy.

IV. Keys to Victory Over Temptation

- A. _____: The key to victory over the _____ (1 John 5:4)
- Faith is a _____ in God that leads to a _____ from God; this enables me to resist the offerings of the world. (John 10:10)
 - A _____ Christian is a person who has not yet found their _____ in Christ.
- B. _____: The key to victory over the _____ (II Timothy 2:22 and I Corinthians 6:18)
- _____ is the secret to overcoming _____ of the flesh.
- C. _____: The key to victory over the _____ (Ephesians 6:12, James 4:7, and Revelation 12:11)
- The promises of God's _____ are the power you need in your fight against Satan's _____.