

**“Temptation Always Wins”
Don’t Buy The Lie – Part 2
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
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1. TEMPTATION WILL HAPPEN - SO EXPECT IT!

“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.”

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?’ Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.” Matthew 3:13-4:2 (NIV)

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:14-15 (NKJV)

“Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.” Hebrews 2:18 (NIV1984)

2. TEMPTATION IS DANGEROUS - SO RECOGNIZE IT!

“I don’t want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.” 1 Corinthians 10:1-5 (NLT)

❖ They gave in to indulgence.

“. . . ‘The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.’” 1 Corinthians 10:7b (NLT)

❖ They gave in to sexual sin.

“And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day.” 1 Corinthians 10:8 (NLT)

❖ They gave in to complaining.

“And don’t grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death.” 1 Corinthians 10:10 (NLT)

“These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did . . . These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.” 1 Corinthians 10: 6, 11 (NLT)

➤ **SATAN’S TEMPTATION EQUATION**

Corrupt Desires + Right Bait + Wrong Choices = Sin.

“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” James 1:14-15 (NKJV)

3. TEMPTATION CAN BE DEFEATED - SO DO IT!

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HOW? P.I.G.S.

➤ **P - Pull your sword.**

"Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil . . . Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:11, 17 (NLT)

"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)

➤ **I - Involve a friend.**

"If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble." Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT)

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16a (NIV)

➤ **G - Get God's help.**

'Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.' Psalm 50:15 (NKJV)

➤ **S - Stand your ground.**

"Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil." Ephesians 6:11 (NLT)