

09/25/22 Temptation

Genesis 39.1-23 CSB

1. No One is _____ Being Tempted.
2. Temptation is Not a Sign of God's _____.
3. Satan Will Often Use Your Natural _____ & _____ to Tempt You.
4. Satan is Relentless in his Efforts to Wear You Down and Cause You to Give _____ & Give _____.
5. Temptation Can Be _____. (**v. 8 & vv. 11-12**)

James 4.7 *"Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

Hebrews 4.14-16

Proverbs 6.27

I Corinthians 10.13 *"No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it."*

6. Resisting Temptation Will Sometimes _____ You Dearly.
(**See also Daniel 3.1-30**)
7. Satan and the Temptation he Brings are Never Concerned About Your _____.
8. God's _____ Will Rest Upon the Person Who Resists Temptation and _____ Him.

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Practical Steps to Overcoming Temptation

- 1 - Realize that temptation is a spiritual battle and can only be won with God's help and intervention. (**Ephesians 6.10-18**)
- 2 - Have a good understanding of what is right and wrong. (Seek spiritual counsel when you are unsure.)
- 3 - Know for sure that you have been saved. (If unsure, please speak to someone who can help, like a pastor.)
- 4 - Live with a fully surrendered heart towards God's will and God's way.
- 5 - Believe that God would never require the impossible. (**See I Peter 1.13-16 & Romans 6.1-2, 6-7, & 12-14**)
- 6 - Believe that God wants to help us overcome. (**See Hebrews 4.16 & I Corinthians 10.13**)
- 7 - Avoid temptation when possible.
- 8 - Rely on God's grace and power when you can't avoid temptation.
- 9 - Make yourself accountable to others in areas of weakness.
- 10 - Maintain a consistent devotional life.
- 11 - Live with a mindset of victory, not defeat.