

# TEMPTATION

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:13**

**Where does it come from?**



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## Temptation

*"...God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13*

### **I. Who or what is the source of temptation?**

#### **A. God does not tempt man.**

James 1:13

#### **B. Satan is called "the tempter."**

- Mat 4:1, 3
- Mk 1:13
- 1 Corinthians 7:5
- 1 Chronicles 21:1
- 1 Thessalonians 3:5

#### **C. Temptation comes from our own lusts.**

- James 2:14, 15
- 1 John 2:16

### **II. God has put certain restrictions upon Satan's efforts.**

#### **A. God never allows us to be tempted beyond our ability to endure & triumph victoriously.**

- 1 Corinthians 10:13

#### **B. Satan is limited in his power in that he must request permission of God to come against us.**

- Job 1:12

### **III. Why does God allow temptation?**

**A. The primary purpose of temptation, if overcome, is to "perfect" us, or to make us complete.**

- Job 23:10; James 1:1-4

**B. We have the choice of what to do with each temptation: either to overcome it by God's grace; or, to yield to it in sin.**

**1. The reward for victory over temptation will be the crown of life.**

- James 1:12
- Revelation 3:11

**2. The result of defeat under temptation is death.**

- Ezekiel 18:4; James 1:15

**IV. How can temptation be overcome?**

**A. By faith.**

- 1 Pet 5:9; 1 John 5:4

**B. By the Word of God.**

- Mat 4; Luke 4 ("...it is written...")

**C. By prayer.**

- Mat 6:13
- Luke 22:40, 46

**V. In fighting temptation, it is important that the child of God recognizes exactly what he is up against. "We are not ignorant of [Satan's] devices."**

- 2 Corinthians 2:11

**A. We do not fight "against flesh & blood" (things in the natural realm), "but against...spiritual wickedness..."**

- Ephesians 6:12

- 2 Corin10:3-5

**B. Satan deals most successfully in the realm of deception.**

- Genesis 3:1
- Matthew 4:3
- 2 Corinthians 11:3

**C. Satan operates in the soulish realm, too--that of the mind, will and emotions--for our thoughts have yet to be put under subjection to Christ.**

2 Corinthians 11:3

**VI. Much can be learned from the account of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.**

**A. Jesus was tempted on all three levels:**

1. The lust of the flesh
2. The lust of the eyes
3. The pride of life. (Mat 4; Luke 4)

- This was the same means by which Satan tempted Eve (Genesis 3:6)
- It is the same way he tries to make us fall today (1 John 2:15-17).

**B. This is what God means when He says that Jesus was "in all points tempted like as we are."**

Hebrews 4:15

**C. However, Jesus never yielded to temptation. He never sinned.**

- John 8:29;14:30
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 10:7
- 1 Pet 2:22; 1:19
- 1 John 3:5

**D. Therefore, Jesus Christ is qualified to be an understanding Mediator (go-between) for man.**

- Hebrews 2:17, 18

### **The arrest of Jose Rivera- (Temptation)**

Have you heard the folk story of the bandit Jose' Rivera, who became notorious in several little towns in Texas for robbing their banks and businesses? Finally the townsfolk, weary of the constant plundering, hired a ranger to track down Jose' Rivera in his hideout in Mexico and retrieve the money. The ranger at last arrived at a desolate, ramshackle cantina. At the counter he saw a young man enjoying his brew. At one of the tables, hands over his ample stomach, hat over his eyes, snored another patron. With much gusto, the ranger approached the young man at the bar and announced that he was on a mission to bring back Jose' Rivera, dead or alive. "Can you help me find him?" he asked. The young man smiled, pointed to the other patron, and said, "That is Jose' Rivera."

The ranger shifted his southern girth and ambled over to the sleeping bandit, tapping him on the shoulder, "Are you Jose' Rivera? he asked. The man mumbled, "No speak English." The ranger beckoned to the young man to help him communicate his mission.

The ensuing conversation was tedious. First the ranger spoke in English and the young man translated it into Spanish. Jose' Rivera responded in Spanish, and young man repeated the answer in English for the ranger.

Finally, the ranger warned Jose' Rivera that he had two choices; the first was to let him know where all the loot he had stolen was hidden, in which case he could walk away a free man. The second choice was that if he would not reveal where the money was stashed, he would be shot dead instantly. The young man translated the ultimatum.

Jose' Rivera pulled himself together and said to the young man, "Tell him to go out of the bar, turn to the right, go about a mile, and he will see a well. Near the well, he will see a very tall tree. Beside the trunk of that tree is a large concrete slab. He will need help in removing it. Under the slab is a pit in the ground. If he carefully uncovers it he will find all the jewelry and most of the money I have taken."

The young man turned to the ranger, opened his mouth...swallowed...paused—and then said, "Jose' Rivera says...Jose' Rivera says...'Go ahead and shoot!'"

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