

## Lesson 9 – Resisting Temptation

- 1) Who is the originator of all temptations?

**John 8:44** “Ye are of *your* father the \_\_\_\_\_, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

NOTE: Satan is the originator of all temptation.

- 2) What will God never allow?

**1 Corinthians 10:13** “There hath \_\_\_\_\_ temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted \_\_\_\_\_ that ye are \_\_\_\_\_; but will with the temptation also make a way to \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ *it*.”

NOTE: God will never allow Satan to tempt us above what we are able to overcome. In other words, every temptation that we face is an opportunity to stand for God. It is an opportunity to cast your vote for the government of God rather than the government of Satan.

- 3) Can Jesus relate with me?

**Hebrews 4:15-16** “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our \_\_\_\_\_; but was in \_\_\_\_\_ points tempted \_\_\_\_\_ as *we are, yet without sin*. Let us \_\_\_\_\_ come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

NOTE: Jesus was tempted as we are tempted and so He can relate to every one of us. In fact, Jesus was tempted much greater than we could even think about being tempted. He was totally dependent on the Father because He never used His own divine power in order to overcome. His temptations by definition were far greater than ours could ever be because of His divine nature.

- 4) Is it possible to be victorious over temptation?

**1 John 5:4** “For whatsoever is born of God \_\_\_\_\_ the world: and this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that overcometh the world, *even our faith*.”

**1 Corinthians 1:27-30** “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath \_\_\_\_\_ the weak things of the world to confound the things which are \_\_\_\_\_; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.

**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"**

NOTE: Yes! That is exactly what God wants for all of us.

- 5) What must the Christian do in order to conquer the power of temptation?

**James 4:7-8** "\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves therefore to God. \_\_\_\_\_ the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded."

**Philippians 4:8** "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever things *are* of \_\_\_\_\_; if *there be* any \_\_\_\_\_, and if *there be* any \_\_\_\_\_, think on \_\_\_\_\_."

**1 Corinthians 15:57** "But thanks *be* to God, which \_\_\_\_\_ us the victory \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord Jesus Christ."

NOTE: Many times we think that victory will just happen to us. We must submit to God and then we are given power to resist temptation. Although victory is a gift, we do have a part to play to retain this gift.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To make it a point to submit to God even when temptations come? Yes or No