

Understanding How Temptation Works

We live in a world where temptation is not just an idea but a harsh reality. Even those who do not claim to follow God will acknowledge the allure of temptations and the dangers of giving in to it. God in His wisdom has given us the insight and the means to deal with temptation in the best way. But first we need to understand how it works so that we might rise in victory above it.

1. The path that temptation will lead us down (*James 1:14-15*)

- a. D _____ (*John 8:44, 2 Cor.11:3, 1 Cor. 6:9*)
- b. D _____ (*2 Pet. 2:18-19, 1 John 2:16*)
- c. D _____ (*Prov. 1:10, Gal.6:1, Gen.3:6, 1 Tim 6:9-11*)
- d. D _____ (*Rom.1:18-21, Eph.2:2 & 5:6*)
- e. D _____ (*Prov. 14:12, Rom 1:22-24, 32, Rom 5:12 & 6:23*)

2. Understanding how temptation works, how Satan uses it

- a. It is _____ and deceptive, not _____
(*2 Cor. 11:14-15, Gen. 3:1, 2 Cor. 2:11*)
- b. It challenges the _____ of God
(*Gen.3:1, Matt 4:3*)
- c. It questions God's _____
(*Gen 3:1 & 2:16-17, Luke 4:5-8*)
- d. It tries to contradict the _____ of God's _____
(*Gen 3:4-5, Luke 4:9-12*)
- e. It promises _____ but doesn't focus on the _____
(*Gen. 3:5, Rom 1:25-26, Heb.11:24-25, 1 John 2:15*)

Temptation is real. Temptation is powerful. (*1 Pet.5:8*) Temptation is something that every single one of us will most definitely experience. The question is, what will you do? God has given us a way to have victory (*James 4:7, 1 Cor.15:54*) Satan and his devices do not have to win. Understand how temptation works, be watchful, have confidence in your God! (*1 Cor.10:12-13*)