

## WINNING THE TEMPTATION BATTLE

*I hope one of your goals (resolutions?) for the New Year will be to pick up the challenge I gave last Sunday. In case you were not here, it was to be intentional about the command of 1 Peter 1:15,16 to be holy in all you do. It is part of what it means to become more like Jesus our Savior. God gives us His game plan for dealing with temptation in His Word.*

### I. The Truth about your Temptations

*If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:12, 13*

1. You are in dangerous territory when you think you can't f\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Your temptations seek to s\_\_\_\_\_ you.
3. Your temptations aren't unique to you, but are c\_\_\_\_\_.
4. God never abandons you in temptation due to His f\_\_\_\_\_.
5. God never permits temptation to go beyond what you can b\_\_\_\_\_.
6. In every temptation God provides a way o\_\_\_\_\_.
7. God always limits every temptation that you have so that you can s\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_\_ under it.

### II. How Temptation Works

*When tempted, non one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is drawn away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:13-17*

1. God is never the ultimate source of any evil t\_\_\_\_\_.
2. God is always the source of every good g\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Every temptation purposefully seeks to d\_\_\_\_\_ you.
4. Every temptation becomes a serious threat when you are d\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Every temptation can only 'tempt' because of your own e\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Every temptation attempts to cunningly e\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Every temptation has one ultimate goal which is to get you to s\_\_\_\_\_.

### III. The Seven Stages of Every Temptation

#### The Scripture

He is drawn away

By his own desire

And enticed

When desire has conceived

It gives birth to sin

And sin, when full-grown

Gives birth to death

#### The Seven Stages

#1 the L\_\_\_\_\_

#2 your L\_\_\_\_\_

#3 the L\_\_\_\_\_

#4 the C\_\_\_\_\_

#5 the B\_\_\_\_\_

#6 the G\_\_\_\_\_

#7 the D\_\_\_\_\_

#### Our Response

The Quick S\_\_\_\_\_ Principle

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