



Walking Christian

Temptation

Causes



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III. CAUSES

A. Causes of Defeat

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

([1 Peter 5:8](#))

SATAN’S AVENUES OF APPEAL

“You were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

([Ephesians 2:1–3](#))

EVE’S TEMPTATION

Genesis 3:1–6

- Satan enticed Eve to disobey God and act _____ of His will.
- Satan tempted Eve to act on her physical _____ to ... *taste what is good.*
- Satan tempted Eve through her natural desire to ... *have what is _____ to the eye.*
- Satan tempted Eve by appealing to her need for _____ and her _____ desire to ... *“be like God.”*

JESUS' TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1–10

- Satan enticed Jesus to act for Himself, independently of His _____.
- Satan tempted Jesus to meet His own _____ needs ... *turn the stones into bread.*
- Satan tempted Jesus by displaying something unusually _____ ... *“showed him all the kingdoms of the world.”*
- Satan tempted Jesus by seeking to get Him to prove His own _____ ... *“if you are the Son of God.”*

YOUR TEMPTATION

1 John 2:16

- Satan entices me to act _____ of God and attempt to meet my own needs.
- Satan tempts me to follow my _____ desires ... *“lust of the flesh (KJV).”*
- Satan tempts me to go after what is visually _____ ... *“lust of the eyes (KJV).”*
- Satan tempts me through my desire for personal _____ ... *“pride of life (KJV).”*

“Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

(1 Peter 5:9)

B. Root Cause

WRONG BELIEF:

“This is so tempting that right now I want it more than anything else. Although I know it’s wrong, I feel that I need it.”

RIGHT BELIEF:

“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.” ([Psalm 55:22](#))

