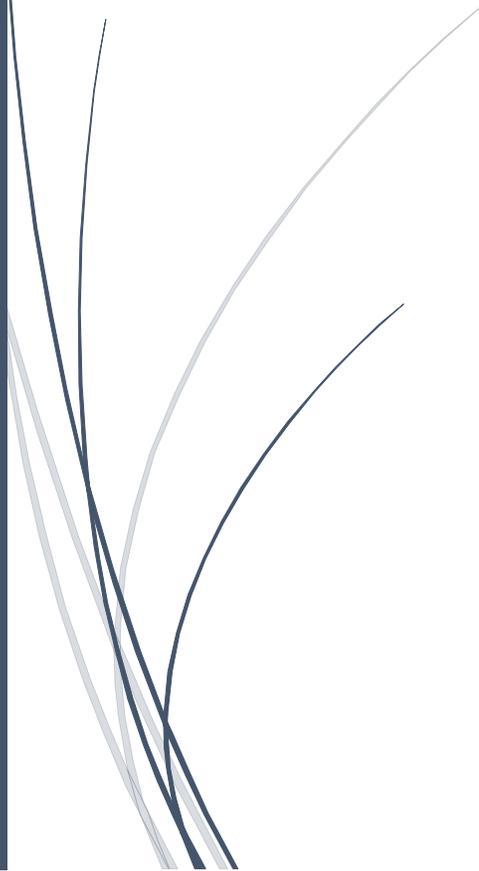




Walking Christian

# Temptation

Definitions



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# Walking Christian on Temptation

*No temptation has overtaken you  
that is not common to man.*

**God is faithful,**

*and he will not let you be tempted  
beyond your ability,*

*but with the temptation he will also provide*

**the way of escape,**

*that you may be able to endure it.*

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

## Temptation

Promise of Pleasure—Lured by a Lie

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*“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”*

*([Proverbs 14:12](#))*

## I. DEFINITIONS

### A. What Is Temptation?

- The most common meaning of the word **temptation** is “an \_\_\_\_\_ to do wrong.”
  - The word **entice** comes from an old Greek hunting and fishing term **deleazo**, which means “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - No bait will tempt everyone, but everyone is tempted by some type of bait. What will tempt you depends on the desires within your \_\_\_\_\_.
- “Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.” ([James 1:14](#))
- The Old Testament Hebrew word **nasah** means “an attempt to prove the \_\_\_\_\_ of something.”

- **Nasah** is most often translated in the Bible as \_\_\_\_\_.”
- God permits us to be \_\_\_\_\_ in order to reveal our strengths and our weaknesses.

**BIBLICAL EXAMPLE:**

*“Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ ‘Here I am,’ he replied. Then God said, ‘Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering.’ ”*

*([Genesis 22:1-2](#))*

- The New Testament Greek word **peirasmos** means “a temptation to sin” or \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - This same Greek word is also translated “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - When you are tempted, you are in a trying situation that reveals your \_\_\_\_\_ and tests your commitment.
  - When you are tested by temptation, you are being \_\_\_\_\_.

*“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” ([1 Peter 1:6-7](#))*

**Temptation was experienced by Jesus.**

**Therefore, He is fully able to help you in your temptation.**

*“Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”*

*([Hebrews 2:18](#))*

**B. What Are Some Twisted Truths about Temptation?**

**TWISTED TRUTH #1:**

“Temptation is sinful.”

**TRUTH:**

\_\_\_\_\_. Jesus was tempted in every way, yet He did not sin.

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.” ([Hebrews 4:15](#))*

**TWISTED TRUTH #2:**

“God is tempting me!”

**TRUTH:**

\_\_\_\_\_, but it is allowed by God.

*“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.” ([James 1:13](#))*

**TWISTED TRUTH #3:**

“The devil made me do it!”

**TRUTH:**

Temptation is Satan’s attempt to lure you into sin, but he can be \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” ([James 4:7](#))*

**TWISTED TRUTH #4:**

“Somebody else made me do it.”

**TRUTH:**

No one can make you kill, steal, lie, cheat or commit any immoral act. You have a \_\_\_\_\_ as to whether you give in to temptation or not.

*“My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.” ([Proverbs 1:10](#)).*

**TWISTED TRUTH #5:**

“She is so saintly, she is above temptation.”

**TRUTH:**

Everyone is tempted, just in different areas. In fact, the mature Christian is often subject to \_\_\_\_\_ temptation.

*“So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!” ([1 Corinthians 10:12](#))*

**TWISTED TRUTH #6:**

“A thought can’t be sinful.”

**TRUTH:**

An initial impure thought is not sinful, though it is a temptation. However, continuing with an unholy thought can make you \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

*“Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.” ([Acts 8:22–23](#))*

**TWISTED TRUTH #7:**

“Just pull yourself up by your bootstraps.”

**TRUTH:**

Temptation is not overcome by your own \_\_\_\_\_. Temptation is defeated by admitting your weaknesses and yielding to Christ's power within you.

*"He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)*

**TWISTED TRUTH #8:**

"God is angry at me when I'm tempted."

**TRUTH:**

God does not disapprove of you because you are tempted. He can use the temptation as a tool to \_\_\_\_\_ your character.

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2-4)*

**TWISTED TRUTH #9:**

"What's the use? I've already blown it!"

**TRUTH:**

Failure is overcome by a change of \_\_\_\_\_: putting the past behind you and focusing on God's goal for you—\_\_\_\_\_. In [Philippians 3:13-14](#), Paul shared how he appropriated this truth in his own life.

*"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)*

**TWISTED TRUTH #10:**

"It's beyond my ability to control."

**TRUTH:**

Temptation may be beyond your control, but it is not beyond \_\_\_\_\_ control.

*"For the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared." (Proverbs 3:26)*

## C. How Do You Track Temptation?

- **Facing Temptation**

- **Temptation** is experienced by \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Temptation** occurs often in an area where you have been \_\_\_\_\_ ensnared.
- **Temptation** begins in your \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Temptation** takes advantage of your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Temptation** appears to meet a \_\_\_\_\_ need but does so illegitimately in the wrong way or at the wrong time.

*“In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.”*  
([Proverbs 22:5](#))

- **Falling into Temptation**

- **Temptation** strikes when your \_\_\_\_\_ is “off guard.”
- **Temptation** is entered into by allowing your \_\_\_\_\_ to dwell on the tempting thoughts.
- **Temptation** uses \_\_\_\_\_ to numb your conscience.
- **Temptation** becomes relentless and \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Temptation** provides highly unusual \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into sin.

*“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”*  
([Matthew 26:41](#))

## BIBLICAL EXAMPLE

David and Bathsheba

[2 Samuel 11:1–13](#)

Sin will make you stray further than you thought you’d stray,

Sin will make you stay longer than you thought you’d stay,

Sin will make you pay much more than you thought you’d pay.

