

Lesson 4

Christian Walk, Testings, and Temptations

The Christian life, once entered upon, is a battleground and the believer must enter his spiritual warfare spiritually prepared. There will be trials and temptations which will confront you along with the blessings as you travel God's road.

Christ said, "In the world ye shall have \_\_\_\_\_, but be of good \_\_\_\_\_" (John 16:33). We must remember that "All things work together for \_\_\_\_\_ to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

**I. There will be testings that are controlled by God.**

- A. Who gave Satan permission to test Job? \_\_\_\_\_ ( Job 1:12; 2:6)
- B. What is the purpose of testings from God?
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:3)
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 1:6,7)
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:4)

**II. There will be temptations to do evil.**

- A. These never come from \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:13-16).
- B. Where do evil suggestions and temptations come from? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:1,8,9; I Corinthians 7:5; Ephesians 6:12)
- C. Write the three avenues Satan uses to try to cause us to fail (I John 2:16).  
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- D. How to face Temptation.
  - 1. Realize that temptation itself is not sin. "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_" (James 1:15).
  - 2. Realize that God has provided a way out of every temptation. "...with the temptation also make a way to \_\_\_\_\_ that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ it" (I Corinthians 10:13).
  - 3. Realize that Jesus is the way (John 14:6). Read and consider Hebrews 4:14-16.
  - 4. Realize the powers that are at your disposal. See Revelation 12:11.
  - 5. What is the formula for victory over temptation? \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:7)
  - 6. Realize that it is impossible to live a sinless life (I John 1:8,10).
  - 7. Be prepared for temptation.
    - a. "\_\_\_\_\_ that ye enter not into temptation" (Luke 22:40).
    - b. "Walk \_\_\_\_\_" (Ephesians 5:15). This word means *carefully on watch*.
    - c. "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that ye enter not into temptation" (Matthew 26:41).
    - d. Equip yourself (Ephesians 6:10-18). Name the armor and what it stands for:
      - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
      - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
      - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
      - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
      - 5) \_\_\_\_\_
      - 6) \_\_\_\_\_

This is all to be supported by prayer (Ephesians 6:18).

8. If you yield to temptation, what should you do? \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 1:9)  
9. What is a sure way to keep on the right path? \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:9)

### **III. How to Know Right from Wrong**

What are some of the spiritual gauges with which to measure habits, friends, and activities to see whether or not they should be a part of your Christian life?

- A. Does it glorify God? (I Corinthians 10:31)
- B. Are the things in question doubtful? (Romans 14:23)
- C. Does the matter in question cause others to stumble? (I Corinthians 8:12,13)
- D. Does it enslave me? (I Corinthians 6:12)
- E. Does it build me up physically, mentally, or spiritually? (I Corinthians 10:23)
- F. Is this habit, person, or situation worldly? (I John 2:15-17)
- G. Would I want my children to follow my example? (Galatians 6:7,8)

*Note:* Things to do –

- Be with other Christians as much as possible.
  - Go to church to hear the Word of God as often as you can.
  - Participate in church programs.
  - Study your Bible and pray regularly.
  - Be unashamed to speak for Christ.
  - Always remain in the center of God's will for your life (Proverbs 3:5,6).
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