

# Resisting Temptation

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Temptation is a daily fact of life. All of us are faced with making decisions between right and wrong every day. Even Jesus Christ was tempted. Hebrews 4:15 says of our Lord, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." So we learn that it is not a sin to be tempted, but it is sinful to give in to temptation.

What is the source of temptation? In answering, we must emphasize that God never entices us to sin! James 1:13 says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." James went on to explain that the source of our temptations is our own weaknesses (James 1:14-16). The devil is called "the tempter" in the Bible because he preys on those weaknesses and entices us accordingly to disobey God.

Satan once tempted Jesus Christ in three different ways as recorded in Matthew 4:1-11. Every time, He countered Satan's Temptations by quoting Scripture. He answered the devil's lies with God's truth! In Ephesians 6:17, the word of God is called "the sword of the Spirit." It is the one weapon Satan has no answer for. God gave it to us to overcome the tempter and his schemes.

James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Psalm 119:11 says, "Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you." Friends, how is your spiritual swordsmanship?



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## WELCOME!

### Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

### Tuesday

Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.

*For if we have been united with him  
in a death like his, we shall certainly  
be united with him in a resurrection  
like his.*

*Romans 6:5*



## Today's Sermon: *Are You a Narcissist?*

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**Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:17-24

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: September 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Tuesday night at 8pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!**



- **Ethan Chacona had his tonsils and adenoids removed on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ted had tubes placed in his ears on Wednesday. Both are recovering well.**
- **We are thankful for Jerry and Elaine Stumpf coming last Sunday to take care of the preaching in Arthur's absence. We plan on asking them to return in the future to share their program, Cracking the Marriage Code for any of us and people of the community.**
- **Be sure to check whether anyone needs a ride to or from worship if you are blessed with a vehicle. We are meeting more and more people who wish to worship with us or learn about the Bible with us who do not have transportation. Giving them a lift is a good way to get to know people. 😊**



*THERE ARE NO LOSERS WITH CHRIST  
AND NO WINNERS WITH THE DEVIL*

## PRAYERS...

- Pray for the successful outreach and teaching of the VBS efforts and a prayer of thanksgiving for the help we received from other Christians to accomplish the VBS.
- Please pray that Felicity Hicks can find a place to live, as she is homeless now and her children are staying with friends.
- Pray for Claire Albro, Patty and Ruthie's stepmom who has cancer in several organs and is being treated with chemo
- Lori Johnson, mother of Veronica who came to VBS, has brain cancer. She is being treated with chemo, and Veronica asked us to pray for her.
- Pray for Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son, who is in poor health and has moved out to Nevada to be near his brother.
- Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, of West Palm Springs, FL, is not doing well. He has no lower body strength. Doctors are investigating to find out why. Pray that he can be restored to health. Darlene will be traveling there next month for a visit.
- Pray for the continuing success of the church in Tunkhannock, PA. Pray that an evangelist will move to that area to keep the work going. Dave and Lynne Laton will be leaving tomorrow to return home to AL.
- Pray for our country, the upcoming election, and our Christian example to the rest of the world during these times.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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