

## B. Relinquish control to the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 5:16** “So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

## C. Run from the pulls of your sin nature.

**Genesis 39:12** “She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.”

**I Cor. 6:18b** “... flee from sexual immorality.”

**2 Timothy 2:22b** “Flee the evil desires of your youth, ....”

## D. Resist Satan with the Sword of the Spirit.

**Matthew 4:3** “The tempter came to Him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

**Matthew 4:4** “Jesus answered, “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every Word from the mouth of God”

**Matthew 4:5** “Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>[6]</sup> If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

**Matthew 4:7** “Jesus answered, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

**Matthew 4:8** “Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>[9]</sup> All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

**Matthew 4:10** “Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”

## E. Renew your love for Jesus Christ.

**Mark 12:30** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

## Handling Temptations in our life!

**James 1:13-17**

**Lesson #2**

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### I. We deal with temptations daily.

#### A. No one is exempt from temptation.

**James 1:13** “When tempted no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.”

**I Corinthians 10:13** “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.”

#### B. No one should make excuses and blame God for their sin.

##### 1. God is not the blame for our sin.

**James 1:13b** “... no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.”

**I Timothy 2:14** “And Adam was not the one deceived, it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.”

**Genesis 3:12** “The man said, “The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

**Genesis 3:13** “The LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

**James 1:13b** “... no one should say, “God is tempting me.”

##### 2. God is not tempted by evil.

**James 1:13c** “... For God cannot be tempted by evil, ....”

**Isaiah 6:3** “And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.”

**I Samuel 2:2** “There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”

**Leviticus 19:1** “The LORD said to Moses, <sup>[2]</sup> Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them. ‘Be holy because I the LORD your God, am holy.’”

### 3. God never tempts anyone to do evil.

**James 1:13b** “... nor does He tempt anyone.”

## II. We are tempted because of our own evil desires.

**James 1:14a** “But each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, ....”

**Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”

**Matthew 15:18** “But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean.”<sup>[19]</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.”

**Genesis 39:10** “And though she spoke to Joseph, day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.”

**Joshua 7:21** “When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

**Matthew 26:14** “Then one of the Twelve – the one called Judas Iscariot – went to the chief priests. <sup>[15]</sup> And asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So, they counted out for him thirty silver coins.”

**Galatians 5:17** “For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.”

**Romans 7:15** “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.”

**Romans 7:18** “I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.”

**Romans 7:19** “For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing.”

## III. We are drawn away by temptations when we yield to them.

**James 1:14b** “... he is dragged away and enticed.”

## IV. We must remember the final outcome of sin is death.

### A. There is an evil desire that leads to sin.

**James 1:15a** “Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;

### B. There is a deception regarding sin.

**James 1:15b** “... and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.”

**James 1:16** “Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers.”

### C. The desire of King David led to disobedience.

**Exodus 20:14** “You shall not commit adultery.”

**Proverbs 28:13** “Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

### D. The end result of sin was death.

**Romans 6:23** “The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

## V. We should never doubt the goodness of God.

**James 1:17** “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

**Hebrews 13:8** “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

**Malachi 3:6a** “I, the Lord, do not change ....”

**Genesis 3:5** “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

## How can we handle temptations in our life?

### A. Remember to pray so you are prepared when temptation strikes.

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