

The Answer to Temptation Week 8

I Cor 10:6-13

1 Cor 10:6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." (Ex 32) 8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did-and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test the Lord, as some of them did-and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did and were killed by the destroying angel. 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 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. NIV

- The goal of temptation is for us to _____ off course from Godly living.
- Satan also has a destiny for us, to lead us into _____.
- The pathway to sin begins when we allow temptations to invade first our _____. Then in time temptation becomes a habit that invades our _____.
- Anger = A selfish response to a _____ situation.
- Sin is giving away something that God says has _____ and trying to get others to value us.
- We seek the passing _____ of sin instead of seeking the rich _____ of serving God with a pure heart.
- The goal is to _____ the Holy Spirit's voice in order to get us to believe we can do it on our own.
- God has not left us as helpless _____ of temptation, but gives a promise of a way of escape.

Paul tells us that Israel failed in four ways in Chapter 10, and we are in danger too:

1. When our lives are full of _____.
 - The god of _____
 - When Christians _____ anyone or anything besides God, that is idolatry.
2. When _____ and immorality become lifestyles.
 - What does that mean? Desiring anything that is outside divine _____ or the will of God.

- Beware of _____ past sins because Satan will always go after confident Christians who get lazy.

3. When we _____ God.

Vs 9 “We should not test the Lord, as some of them did-and were killed by snakes.”

- We form _____ with Satan on how he can destroy our lives.
- God's people have always lived under His _____.
- When we put the Lord to the test, we will discover that God has _____ that will result in the discipline of God in our own lives.

4. When we _____ and _____.

Num 16:31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart 32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions. 33 They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community.

- Murmuring is _____ with God's sovereign will for our lives and the lives of others.
- Our need for _____ is not merely for our own well-being (even though it is), but for God's honor and glory.
- Complaining _____ our heavenly Father, contentment glorifies Him.

The Character of Temptation

Temptation is designed to do two things.

1. To _____ the feebleness of man.

- The _____ - _____ Christian can be easily subdued by sin.
- The _____ Christian is an even easier target.

2. Temptations disclose the _____ of God.