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TEMPTATION

Every day in so many ways, we are tempted. Satan never stops trying to tempt us to sin. It may be little things, or big things, but he never will stop until the day he is put into the lake of fire. Many people think that being tempted is sin. It is not a sin to be tempted. It is sin when we yield to the temptation.

Every choice we make starts in our soul. We hear, see, taste, touch and smell with our senses. Temptations come in these areas. We have to train ourselves when temptations come to not give in to them.

It is normal for any human being to be tempted with things that are not good for them. In fact, that is Satan's job to tempt us! God tells us in I Cor. 10:13, ***"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer (allow) you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*** HE (God) always gives us a way of escape from temptations.

The choice is ours. We can choose to think on wrong things, look at wrong things, listen to wrong things, eat wrong things, and touch and smell wrong things that tempt us. How do we stop the temptation? We train our minds to say NO! We train our eyes not to look! We train our hands not to touch! Just like physical training, it is not easy in the beginning, but the more we exercise our senses to do things God's way, the easier it will become.

In I Cor 10:13 it says that God always gives us a way of escape. In other words, Satan sets the trap, but God gives us a way out.

Don't buy the lie that you have sinned when Satan tempts you. Temptations will come, but that isn't sin. It is only sin when you yield to the temptation. Then and only then is it sin. Don't entertain the temptations that Satan brings your way. Refuse to think on them and be led by Holy Spirit! Use your spiritual weapons to cast down thoughts and be free!