

New Life Christian Growth Series "Fighting Temptation" Booklet #24

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General Instructions:

- 1. Please fill in the blanks on the following pages using a King James Version of the Bible. Please read the detailed instructions for the individual lessons on page 6 before you begin to put pen to paper. NOTE: The individual lessons are designed to be completed daily so you can meditate on the material.
- 2. When you are done, return the **Review Section (Pages 33-36) of this booklet** to the address provided below. Keep the rest of this Booklet (Pages 1-32) for your own use. Review Sections returned less than 30 days from the time it was mailed, will not be accepted. Please spend time with the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you learn the material.
- 3. As soon as we receive your completed review pages, we will grade it (Pass or Fail) and send a letter confirming your status.
- 4. You will also receive a Certificate of Completion for this Booklet.

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Mountain State Ministries P.O. Box 217 Springfield, WV 26763 Ministry. CWPM's purpose was to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to prison inmates and their families, and to edify them through the teaching of the Word of God through Bible correspondence courses. MSM will continue this legacy and expand the Bible correspondence courses to anyone in world via the internet. This will provide anyone the opportunity to study God's word, become more closely imitate with Jesus, and be more sensitive and obedient to God's Holy Spirit. Our goal is to Exalt the King and to Expand the Kingdom!

Ray Witmer Jr., author of this Bible study curriculum, founded Country Wide Prison Ministry in 2003. His New Life Christian Growth Series has been administered to thousands of prison inmates throughout ever state in the Union. Mr. Witmer retired due to heath issues on 1 January 2017 and has provided Mountain State Ministries all rights to continue his legacy.

We are very grateful and appreciate Brother Ray's heart for God and his willingness to let us use this resource to spread God's Word among this generation of people.

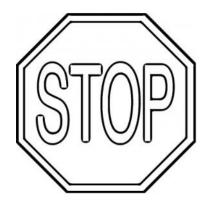
"Verily, Verily, I say to you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24

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***** INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR BIBLE LESSONS *****

- A. The Bible verses used in this study are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.
- B. Before doing each lesson, take time to ask God to open your understanding and show you the truth.
- C. For the best results, <u>do only one lesson each day</u>. Meditate on each day's lesson (there are four weeks of lessons per book).
- D. Keep in mind that these lessons are based on what the Bible says, and not on man's opinion.
- E. These lessons are designed to help you to know the truth, to know the Lord in a personal way, and to trust what the Bible says and teaches you.
- F. Remember, it is not what you, I, or any preacher says, but what the Bible says.
- G. You must learn to stand on what the Bible says to "study to show yourself approved unto God, workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).
- H. Who wrote the Bible? (II Peter 1:21).
- I. All Scripture is inspired by God (II Timothy 3:16).
- J. Regardless of what man says, the believer (Christian) <u>has direct access to the throne of God</u> and is responsible directly to God. This access is through Jesus Christ and Him only (I Timothy 2:5).
- K. These studies are to help you have peace of mind (Isaiah 26:3-4).
- L. These studies will help you know if you are going to Heaven or Hell (Romans 10:13).
- M. These lessons will help you with assurance and security; these are not the same. The securing of the believer is God's work. It is a part of God's great work of salvation depending solely upon His infinite grace. Assurance is the believer's acceptance of the security provided for him in Christ. It is the result of the human soul resting in what God has promised in His Word to accomplish. This is why it is important to know what the Bible says (I John 5:11-13).



TAKE TIME TO READ BELOW BEFORE DOING THIS LESSON

Meditate on the Scriptures of this Lesson and Ask Yourself These Questions:

- 1. What do these verses teach me about God and myself?
- 2. Is there an example here to follow or avoid?
- 3. Is there a command, a promise, or a warning that I need to apply?
- 4. What action do I need to take to align my life with this truth?



The Bible is the Word of God

HOW TO FIGHT TEMPTATION

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Lesson #1

This week's verse to memorize: I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it. You may feel that your struggle against temptation is hopeless. Do not use this mindset as an excuse to give up! God has provided you with His Word, the Bible, to teach you how to resist temptation and to help you overcome sin in your life. My brethren, count it _____ when ye fall into diverse temptations (various trials); Knowing this, that the trying of your faith ______. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be ______ and entire, wanting (lacking) nothing (James 1:2-4). Temptation is enticement to go beyond the bounds of your God-given desires. While you have to take responsibility for caving in to temptation, it should be helpful to recognize the source of all temptation: Satan, the enemy of your soul. Blessed is the man that ______ temptation: for when he is ______, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that Let no man say when he is tempted, I am _____ : for God cannot be : But every tempted with evil, neither man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own (desires), and enticed (James 1:12-14). The enemy is crafty and intelligent; he also is savage and relentless. His goal is to alienate you from God and to destroy your fellowship with your Creator and Savior. His purpose is to stunt your growth as a believer and minimize your impact for God's kingdom. He knows your weaknesses; he also knows how to surprise, stage, and camouflage. Then when lust (desire) hath conceived, it bringeth forth : and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth . Do not err (be deceived), my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is ______, and cometh down from the _____ , with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:15-17). It is a mistake to accuse others for your own failures. For example, some people attribute their current faults to mistakes of parents. While parental influence can be great, every person is responsible for his or her own choices and actions. For the flesh _____ and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are ______ the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the _____, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, ______, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, , drunkenness, reveling, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:17-21).

Even more so, it is an error to try to blame God for the temptation that lures you. God is holy; Satan is evil.

Today's Bible reading is Galatians chapter 5.

TEMPTATION — WHO'S TO BLAME?

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Lesson #2

This week's verse to memorize: I Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Satan cannot have your soul, so he wants nothing more than to ruin your fellowship with the Lord and to sidetrack your walk and your witness. James, Jesus' half-brother, describes the destructive progression Satan sets in motion through temptation like this:

But every man is	, when he is draw	n away of	
	, and enticed. Then when lust hath conce	ived, it bringeth forth	: and sin
when it is	, bringeth forth		(James 1:14-15).
Jesus, however, is a God	of hope. While it sometimes seems as if Satan is	throwing everything at you	u, you can trust in
God's Word and believe I	Him when He says He is faithful. He will never	allow you to be tempted bey	ond what you're
able, in His power, to with	hstand. God always will give the opportunity to o	escape and always honors l	His Word.
Wherefore let him that thi	nketh he standeth take heed		There
	you but such as is common to man: but		
	, who will not suffer you to be tempted abo		
	, tl		
dearly beloved flee from _	I speak as to wise n	nen; judge ye what I say (I C	Corinthians 10:12-15)
impossible with man is po	mptation is simple obedience. At times, this may ossible with God; it is simply a matter of whether	r you are willing to grab ho	old.
	lisciples, Verily I say unto you, That a		
	en. And again I say unto you, It is		
the eye of a needle, than for	or a	to enter into the kir	ngdom of God. When
	were exceedingly amazed, saying, who then can		
them, With men this is im	possible, but	all things are possible	e (Matthew 19:23-26)
You can be carried away	and lured to go beyond the limits of your God-g	viven desires and interests.	Your own lust can
conceive and give birth to	sin, but this birth is not one involving life. Rath	her, it is one that brings for	th death.
For we wrestle not against	t	, but against	principalities, against
	of the darkness of		
	ke unto you the whole armour of God, that ye ma		
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React to temptation with the knowledge that its source is an evil enemy who attempts daily to steal your joy and destroy your effectiveness as a child of God. Then, turn to the Lord and ask Him to help you overcome. He is the One who is able and eager to give you victory.

Today's Bible reading is Ephesians chapter 6.

TEMPTATION — THE APPEAL

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Lesson #3

and help you escape all temptations.

This week's verse to memorize: I Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Satan is so cunning that he was able to deceive Eve into sinning. Her response to his question in the third chapter of Genesis reveals that she knew exactly what God had told her. Aren't we exactly the same today? We know precisely what God's Word says; yet, we still often fail to obey Him.

Now the serpent was more subtle (cunning) than any beast of	the field which the Lord God had
And he (serpent) said unto the woman, Yea, hath	Ye shall not eat of every
	may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit
of the tree which is in the	, God hath said, Ye shall not
, neither shal	l ye touch it, lest ye (Genesis 3:1-3).
Do you spend more time indulging your desires — even if it	sometimes means bordering on sin — than you do
meditating on God's Word and praying? We humans have f	inite minds and all kinds of emotions; on your own, it is
impossible to successfully combat temptations thrown at you expressed in Genesis 3:4-5.	u by an enemy who is supernatural and who is ruthless, as
And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:	For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your, and ye shall be as gods, knowing
	And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,
	, and a tree
to be desired to make one wise, she	
thereof, and did, and gave also u	
Satan, emboldened by Eve's openness to him, spoke a direct (separation from God), so Satan is called a liar and a murde great benefits, as in Genesis 3:5. Eve experienced this result but because of personal corruption, they did not know as Go	erer from the beginning (John 8:44). His lies always promise t; she and Adam did know good and evil as Satan promised,
Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye	will do. He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, and
abode not	, because there is no
	th of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because
I tell you the truth, ye believe me (Jesus) not. Which of you o	convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not
? He that is o	of God heareth:
ye therefore hear them not, because ye are	(John 8:44-47).

Today's Bible reading is John chapter 8.

"greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4b). God is faithful. He will lead you through the way

When Satan throws his darts, simply say, "Lord, thank you that I'm your child. Please protect me." Remember that

TEMPTATION — THE PEAK OF PRESSURE

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Lesson #4

This week's verse to memorize: I Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.

The Bible states that after Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness in order to face temptation by the devil. God directed that His own Son endure temptation. But why? Was this just for show, or was it real? Jesus had just identified with fallen humanity by submitting to baptism, even though He didn't need it; He was sinless. He symbolically placed Himself in the category of humans, however, so He could identify with the world He came to save.

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit in	ito the wilderness to be	
And when	he had fasted forty days and forty nights,	he was afterward an hungered. And when the
tempter came to him, he said, If thou	be the	, command that
		not live by
, but by e	very that proceed	ed out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:1-4).
Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights i	n the desert, and there the Lord met with	temptation. God allowed His Son this time
of temptation, and Jesus willingly st	ubmitted, so He could identify with your s	struggles, trials, and temptations. Jesus
knows what it's like when you strug	gle with enticement. And, praise the Lord	l, He remained without fault where so many
of us stumble.		
Then the devil taketh him up into the	holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle o	f the temple. And saith unto him, If thou be
the	, cast thyself down; for	it is written, He shall give his angels charge
concerning Thee; and in their hands to	they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time th	ou dash thy foot against a stone . Jesus said
unto him,		, Thou shalt not
		(Matthew 4:5-7).
Again, the devil taketh him up into a	n exceeding high mountain, and sheweth h	nim all the
	, and the glory of them; And sain	th unto him, All these things will I give thee,
if thou wilt fall down and		. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get
	hou shalt worship the	
	shalt thou serve. Then the devil	
behold angels came and		(Matthew 4·8-11)

You have a High Priest who sympathizes with you because He's been "through the fire." He intercedes on your behalf within the context of having endured the very same temptations. His temptation in the wilderness (as well as in the many other unrecorded times that He undoubtedly battled Satan) gives credence to the fact that He understands what His children encounter. He is fully God and, at the same time, fully man, and He willingly identifies with you. Don't hesitate to bring your greatest struggles to Him. He truly understands.

Please note that when Jesus was tempted, He quoted scripture to fight Satan. You can use this tactic, too! If you don't know where these verses are found, take time and look them up, and use them like Jesus did to fight Satan.

Today's Bible reading is Matthew chapter 4.

FIGHTING TEMPTATION BY PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD New Life Christian Growth Series - Fighting Temptation **Booklet #24**

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There hath no temptation taken you but such a	erse to memorize: I Corinthians 10:13 as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.
When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, the	e Lord responded in a way that modeled how you are to respond in times
	entice Jesus, Jesus answered him with Scripture. The Lord didn't utter
anything without first stating, "It is written." He	knew Satan could not stand under the power of God's Word.
Wherefore	it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren,
that he might be a	
pertaining to God, to make	for the sins of the people. For in that he himself
had suffered being	he is able to succor them that are tempted (Hebrews 2:17-18).
prepare for your day. Remember, the sole weapo The only way you will have a weapon in spiritual	n" the whole armor of God every morning. Pray through the passage to in included in this armor is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Bible. I battles is by knowing God's Word. You can't recite something you do
	nsistently, and to commit its truths to your heart.
	able to
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	rincipalities, against power, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, efore take unto you the
	that ye may be able to
	and having done all, to stand (Ephesians 6:11-13).
of righteousness: And your feet shod with the pres	, and having on the breastplate paration of the of peace; Above all,
	, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts
	and the sword of the Spirit, which is the
	th all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all for all the saints (Ephesians 6:14-18).
Let's look at some Scripture to hel	p fight with temptations. Please write out the verses below:
ANGER: (James 1:19-20)	
FEAR: (II Timothy 1:7)	
GUILT: (I John 3:20)	

Today's Bible reading is Ephesians chapter 6.

FIGHT TEMPTATION TO KEEP YOUR BODY UNDER CONTROL

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Lesson #6

This week's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

heart.	
	; if there be iniquity in
	that was at peace with me; (yea, I have
	e enemy:) Let the enemy upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust (Psalm 7:3-5).
	t that the friendship of the world is
	herefore will be a friend of the world is the
	hat the scripture saith in vain, the spirit that dwelleth in us
	ut he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the,
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therefore to God. Resist the devil and he w	from you (Iamas 4:4.7)
Are you willing to say that if you aren't to	from you (James 4:4-7). tally righteous, you don't deserve to be justified? Are you willing to check your coming defensive? Humility, what the world calls the lowest of paths, is always
Are you willing to say that if you aren't to own motives before pointing fingers or be the key to taking the high road. <u>Ask the L</u>	tally righteous, you don't deserve to be justified? Are you willing to check your coming defensive? Humility, what the world calls the lowest of paths, is always ard to show you where your attitude needs to be more humble.
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Today's Bible reading is James chapter 4.

BY YIELDING TO TEMPTATION, YOU ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE

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This week's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16
This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

God has specifically instructed you <u>not to yield to the lust of the flesh</u>. The Bible clearly warns about the dangers of operating beyond the boundaries of God's protective will. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus expanded on Old Testament teachings by explaining that the heart attitude determines whether or not God's limits are overstepped; <u>A</u> quick heart check will reveal where you stand.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, thou shalt not	
But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman	
hath committed adultery with her already in his	(Matthew 5:27-28).
Professing themselves to be wise, they became	, And changed the glory of incorruptible
God into an image made like to	, and to birds, and four
footed beast, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncl	
, to dishonour their own bodies b	
God into, and worshipped and served the for ever. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections for even their	
use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the	
, burned in their lust	
that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their	
not like to in their	-
mind, to do those things which are	
Ask yourself what your reaction is to God's boundaries. Do you test them?	Are you one who negotiates with God over
their necessity? Do you have to understand them before you will accept the	em? Submitting to God's plan brings safety
and blessing. Confess to God any resistance, and pray for the strength to s	ubmit to His leading.
Behold, I set before you this day a	; A
blessing, if ye the commandments of the Lord	I your God, which I command you this day: And
	mandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside
out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which	ye have not known (Deuteronomy 11:26-28).
Let's look at some Scripture to help fight with temptations. I	Please write out the verses below:
SEXUAL SINS: (I Corinthians 7:1)	
<u>LUST</u> : (Proverbs 6:25)	

Today's Bible reading is I Corinthians chapter 7.

TEMPTATION — THE KEY QUESTION

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Lesson #8

This week's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Hungering, longing, thirsting, yearning — all of these terms can be used to describe the word desire. Eve <u>hungered</u> for the fruit of the forbidden tree; Sarai <u>longed</u> for the promised child; King David <u>yearned</u> after Bathsheba. In each case, these Bible characters' desires became so strong that they took matters into their own hands to gain what they wanted. They all knew God's instructions, but when tempted, they found a way to justify their actions to obtain their desires. The consequences they faced as a result were serious.

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And it came to pass in an evening tide, that David a	rose from, and walked
upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roo	f he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very
to look upon. And Da	vid sent and enquired after
And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of	f Eliam, the of Uriah? (II Samuel 11:2-3)
All sin has a starting point — a time when you mi	ust choose between entering into temptation or refusing.
And David sent messengers, and took her; and she	came in unto him, and
	from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman d sent and told David, and said, I am with child. And David sent to Joab,
saying, send me	_, the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come and how the people did, and how the war prospered (II Samuel 11:4-7).
	or people to be different, for things we do not have, and for more of o fulfill these yearnings through your own actions. Temptation itself is <u>Word is</u> . Remember what happened to king David.
Come ye near unto me,	; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from
the time that it was,	: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.
	f Israel; I am the Lord which
teacheth thee to profit, which	thee in the way that thou shouldest go (Isaiah 48:16-17).
	ge, knows what it is you long for, and He has promised to give you the truth of Scripture, and ask God to help you let go of any longings your heart's cry:
O God, thou art my God;	thee: my soul thirsteth
for thee, my flesh	for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy
and thy	, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary (Psalm 63:1-2).
	fight with temptations. Please write out the verse below:
REPENTANCE: (Psalms 34:18)	

Today's Bible reading is II Samuel chapter 11.

TEMPTATION — JUST SAY "NO"

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Lesson #9

This Week's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. "No" is an essential word when it comes to temptation. Joseph practiced saying it frequently in repelling the advances of Potiphar's wife. That word was powerful because of the God-centered perspective Joseph had; he was committed to honoring the Lord, and he recognized that all sin was against God. He said, "How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?" This view of life prepared Joseph to meet temptations. upon Joseph; And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife and she said, Lie with me. But he and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my ; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: "how then can I do this great ______, and sin against God? (Genesis 39:7-9) Your ability to resist temptations will be directly related to your worldview. If you see your life as belonging to the Lord and are committed to reflecting, by your actions, the truth of who He is, then you will be more likely to stand firm. And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph ______, that he hearkened not _____, to lie by her, or to _____ came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house . And she caught him by his garment, saying, _____ : and he left his garment in her hand, and , and got him out (Genesis 39:10-12). If you are focused on yourself, succumbing to temptation is more probable. Temptation whispers that sin will satisfy, but the truth is that it actually stirs up stronger desires. Temptation claims that it will not hurt you, but sin always injures spiritually, if not physically. It asserts that no one else will know, but that's a lie, for it ignores your all-knowing God. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left was forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; He came in unto me to , and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment ______, until his lord came home (Genesis 39:13-16). Begin NOW to practice saying, "NO," remembering that it is not by your own strength that you stand firm, but by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Recognize that sin has a significant cost; it dishonors God. Joseph was unwilling to pay this price for yielding to temptation. What about you? Let's look at some Scripture to help fight with temptations. Please write out the verse below: SELF-DENIAL: (Galatians 5:24)

Today's Bible reading is Genesis chapter 39.

HOW TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

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Lesson #10

This week's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16
This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

	ın <u>tempt</u> you to sin, but he cannot <u>make</u> you sin.
Ye are of God, little children, and have	: because greater is
	than he that is in the world. They are of
	e world heareth them. We are: he that
	; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we
the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. Beloved, le	et us
	, and knoweth God
He that loveth not knoweth not God; for	(I John 4:4-8)
tempted.	feel guilty for having been tempted by some sin, but it is not a sin to be
tempted.	
Brethren, if a man be	, ye which are
Brethren, if a man bespiritual, restore such an one in the	, ye which are; considering
Brethren, if a man bespiritual, restore such an one in thethyself, lest thou also be tempted	, ye which are ; considering
Brethren, if a man bespiritual, restore such an one in thethyself, lest thou also be tempted	, ye which are; considering
Brethren, if a man bespiritual, restore such an one in thethyself, lest thou also be temptedsomething, when	, ye which are; considering and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be
Brethren, if a man be	, ye which are, considering and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be, he deceiveth himself (Galatians 6:1-3)
Brethren, if a man be	

Arm yourself with the Word of God. The only way to overcome temptation is to fight Satan with Scriptures in the same way that Jesus defeated Satan in the wilderness.

Today's Bible reading is Galatians chapter 6.

FOUR THINGS YOU MUST DO TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

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Lesson #11

This week's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

To overcome temptation, you must do four things. First, you must consider your death with Christ. Next, you must focus on Christ's life in you. Then, you must arm yourself with the Word of God. And Finally, you must make no provision for the flesh.

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1. Consider your death with Christ.	As Christians, you and I have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness where	e
sin reigns. How were you delivered	You were delivered by your death with Christ. God put you in Christ on the cross	i.
When Christ died, <u>you died</u> with H	n; when He was buried, <u>you were buried</u> with Him; when He rose again, <u>you rose</u>	<u>?</u>
again with Him.		
Giving thanks unto	, which hath made us meet to be partakers of	`the
	of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the	
	, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear So	on:
In whom we have redemption throu	h his, even the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:12-1	4).
2. <u>Focus on Christ's life in you</u> . Te	nptation comes to you, not only from Satan, but also from within you. The good n	ews
is that Christ lives inside of you, an	He can help give you the strength and self-control to fight temptations both outs	ide
of and within you.		
Let no man say when he is tempted,		God
cannot be tempted with evil, neither	empteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is	
	, and enticed (James 1:13-1	14).
3. <u>Arm yourself with the Word of C</u>	od. You have already learned about the mighty weapon of prayer, which God has	
given you; but God has given you a	nother weapon, too: the Word of God.	
Above all, taking the	, wherewith ye shall be able to quer	nch
all the	of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation,	
and the sword of the Spirit, which is	the: Praying	
	ayer and supplication in the Spirit, and thereu	nto
	and supplication for all saints (Ephesians 6:16-18)	
A Make no provision for the flesh	n order to overcome temptation, you must not make any provision for the flesh. T	'hic
	r allow yourself to walk into situations that make it easy for you to sin.	nis
Let us walk	, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering	and
wantonness not in	and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for	the
, to fulfill t		

Today's Bible reading is Romans chapter 13.

<u>TEMPTATION — MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH</u>

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Lesson #12

This week's verse to memorize: Galatians 5:16

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

The Lord Jesus defeated Satan, and <u>so can you</u>. Jesus memorized the Word of God, and He knew how to use it. Do you see why it is so important for you to memorize Scripture? You must arm yourself with the Word of God.

Below are some key verses you can us	se to fight against Satan:	
And ye shall know the	, and the truth shall	
(John		
God's Word is the truth. When you ki you.	now the truth about sin and temptation, <u>you can be set free</u> from their power over	
For sin shall not have	: for ye are not under the	
aw, but (Romans 6:14).		
•	u. Why? Because you are "under grace," where God's mighty power works on your ll enable you to overcome sin's power.	
Submit yourselves therefore	. Resist the devil, and he	
Learn to resist Satan. Resist him with Remind him that he is defeated, and t	the Word of God. Resist him in Jesus' name. Resist him in the victory of Calvary. Tell him to leave you alone.	
Ye are	, little children, and have overcome them: because	
than he that is in	, (I John 4:4).	
Jesus Christ is the One Who is in <u>you</u> you, is greater than Satan who is in th	e. Satan is the one who is in <u>the world</u> . This verse says that Jesus Christ, who is in the world.	
For God hath not given us the	; but of	
	and of love, and of a	
(2 Timothy 1:7).		

The spirit of fear is from Satan. Don't accept it! <u>God does not give you a spirit of fear</u>; instead, He gives you a spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Today's Bible reading is II Timothy chapter 1.

YOU ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SIN

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Lesson #13

This week's verse to memorize: James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Below are some more verses you can use to fight against Satan:
Being confident of this very thing, that
will perform
it until the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).
If you are God's child, God has begun a good work in you. He will continue that work until the day you go to meet Him; you can count on this.
I can do which
strengtheneth me (Philippians 4:13).
The Lord Jesus gives you strength to do whatever He wants you to do. Why? Because He lives in you.
Finally, my brethren,
and in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10).
You are not to be strong in yourself, but you are to be strong in the Lord. This means that you are to count on Him and His mighty power to give you victory.
What shall we then say to these things?
who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)
Child of God, God is for you. You can be sure of this because He says so. Since God is for you, it doesn't matter who is against you.
And we know that
to them that love God (Romans 8:28).

Some things taken by themselves may not seem good to you, but you know God is working all things together for the good of the one who loves Him. You can know this because God says so.

Today's Bible reading is Romans chapter 8.

THE SOURCE AND PURPOSE OF TEMPTATION

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Lesson #14

<u>This week's verse to memorize: James 4:7</u> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

In today's lesson, you will be learning about the source of temptation:

The first source of temptation involves man's three basic desire to do things. These three basic sins result from the	sins: the desire to enjoy things, the desire to get things, and the three areas of temptation mentioned in I John 2:16:
•	and the lust of the
and the	, is not of the Father, but is of the world (I John 2:16)
What source of temptation is mentioned in James 1:13-145	
Who tempted Jesus in Matthew 4:1?	
In I Thessalonians 3:5, Christians are exhorted to exami	ne their faith lest the tempter has tempted them.
For this cause, when I could no	, I sent to know your
, lest by some means the terr	ppter have tempted you, and
	(I Thessalonians 3:5).
We also want to take a look at the purpose of temptation:	
According to I Peter 1:6-7, temptations are trials.	
	, if need be, ye are in
	your faith, being much more
	ght be found unto
	at the appearing of Jesus Christ (I Peter 1:6-7).
According to James 1:3, what does the trying of one's faith	n results in?
Finally, we also want to look into the idea that you can h	ave encouragement in temptation:
What does God promise to those who are tempted? (I Cori	nthians 10:13)
Who promises deliverance from temptation? (II Peter 2:9)	
What should be one's attitude toward temptation? (James	1:2)

Today's Bible reading is II Peter chapter 2.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

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Lesson #15

This week's verse to memorize: James 4:7
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

You can receive encouragement from the fact that Jesus, your high priest, the one who intercedes for your sins, was tempted as you are. What encouragement you can receive from His victory over temptation! For we have not an high priest which ; but was in _____ tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace (Hebrews 4:15-16). Why can Christ help you in times of temptation, according to Hebrews 2:18? Of whose devices should you be aware to avoid temptation? (II Corinthians 2:11) In Revelation 3:10, you are given a promise concerning temptation: Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. The good news is, no matter how big or difficult the temptation is, you can always have victory over it! Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to _____ (Ephesians 6:16). Whom are you admonished to resist in I Peter 5:8-9? Enter not into the and go not in the way of evil men (Proverbs 4:14). , that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the (Matthew 26:41). What is promised to those who endure temptation? (James 1:12) If one is overcome by temptation and falls into sin, what should he do? (I John 1:9)

Today's Bible reading is I John chapter 1.

DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

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Lesson #16

This week's verse to memorize: James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Many people's only defense against temptation is to simply flee the scene. Removing yourself from compromising situations is crucial to maintaining solid Christian character; however, simple flight is not the <u>ultimate</u> answer. Fleeing temptation is only a <u>temporary</u> solution. One way or another, temptation will always seem to find you, wherever you have fled.

Furthermore then we beseech you brethre	en, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye received of us how ye ought to
	, so ye would
abound more and more. For ye know wha	at commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the
, even your	sanctification, that ye should abstain from:
That every one of you should know how	to
	in sanctification and honor (I Thessalonians 4:1-4).
The idea of fleeing from Satan's ploys is	s a slight distortion of Biblical counsel. Rather than running away from Satan,
Scripture instructs, "Resist the devil, and	d he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
believers have the ability to send Satan h	nimself running in terror.
Brethren, I count not myself to have appr	rehended: but this one thing I do,
	which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which
	I for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).
	for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).
deliver us from evil."	liverance from temptation. Jesus taught, "And do not lead us into temptation, but
thing is the kingdom, and the	, but deliver us from evil: For and the glory, for ever. For if ye
time is the kingdom, and the	their tresspasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not
	will your Father your trespasses (Matthew 6:13-15).
Evil is a God-sized problem. Thinking th	hat you have within yourself any means to defeat it negates the need for a Savior.
Even during the most difficult battle, you	u can rest in the assurance that Jesus has already secured the victory. When
temptation comes, remove yourself from	the situation, but also stand firm in the Lord.
Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me	in a, because of mine
	mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out ed to see the
	and of the living.
	thine heart: wait. I say on the Lord (Psalm 27:11-14).

Today's Bible reading is I Thessalonians chapter 4.

<u>TEMPTATION — CAN YOU GET AWAY WITH SIN?</u>

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Lesson #17

This week's verse to memorize: James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore	e to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from yo	ou.
	else; this just involves me." You may recognize the and eventually yield to temptation. Isn't it interests	•
really want to do something you know is wrong,	your mind can always <u>rationalize</u> the behavior?	
Be not deceived; God is not	: for whatsoever a man soweth, that	shall he
	nis flesh shall of the flesh reap	
but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit r	reap life	(Galatians 6:7-8).
That brings us to an age-old question: can you re	eally get away with sin? In your heart, you know th	hat the answer is no.
Yet, when the consequences of sin seem to differ	so greatly, you often choose to take the risk.	
And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due s	season we shall, if w	e faint not. As we have
therefore opportunity, let us do		, especially
unto them who are of the		(Galatians 6:9-10).
not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spok	that shall not be revealed; neither ten in darkness shall be the partial elecate shall be prealeigned upon the beautiful.	
	n the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the hou	
	lives of believers. He may allow His children to lively that will not be revealed, and hidden that will	•
And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of th	nem that	,
	But I will forewarn yo	ou whom ye shall fear:
Fear him, which after he hath killed		<u> </u>
; ye	a, I say unto you, Fear him (Luke 12:4-5).	
Are you prepared to face the consequences of disand accept His gift of forgiveness? The choice is	sobedience and yielding to temptation, or will you lyours.	boldly turn from sin
Let's look at Scripture to help j	fight with temptations. Please write out the verse be	elow:
LYING: (Proverbs 19:5)		

Today's Bible reading is Luke chapter 12.

TEMPTATION NOT TO HANDLE CONFLICT WISELY

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Lesson #18

This week's verse to memorize: James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

What do you expect when you wake up in the morning? Do you gleefully embrace the rising sun, knowing that the day

will provide untold joy, or do you groan a get up?	nd pull the covers over your head, hoping tha	t no one will notice if you don't
But I would ye should understand, brethrer	1, that the things which happened unto me have	e fallen out rather unto the
furtherance of	; So that my	
are mani	ifest in all the palace, and in all other places; A	nd many of the brethren
the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, a	are much more bold to speak the word without	fear (Philippians 1:12-14).
No one likes to handle difficulties; howev	er, you will find it impossible to make it throu	gh each and every day without
facing some level of conflict or criticism.	The challenge is not trying to avoid it, but rati	her, <u>learning how to deal with it</u> .
Some indeed preach Christ even of		; and some also of good
will: The one preach Christ of contention,		, supposing
to add affliction to my bonds: But the other	r of love, knowing that I am set for the	
	(Ph	
What then? Notwithstanding, every way, w	whether in pretense, or in truth,; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice through your prayer, and the	e. For I know that this shall turn my
	ectation and my hope, that in	
	, but that with all boldness, as a	
by death. For to me to live is	, and to die is	(Philippians 1:18-21).
forgive those who have wronged you, and though these conflicts can be quite painfuthrough which relationships can be streng	criticism, ask God for discernment and the stra prayerfully consider how the situation could al, they should be seen as opportunities for spi gthened rather than destroyed. e to help fight with temptations. Please write o	be avoided in the future. Even iritual maturity, as well as times
COURAGE: (Psalm 27:14)		
HODE: (Llohn 2:2)		

Today's Bible reading is Galatians chapter 6.

FIGHTING TEMPTATION BY STANDING IN THE STORM New Life Christian Growth Series - Fighting Temptation **Booklet #24**

Lesson #19

	This week's verse to memorize	ze: James 4:7
Sub	mit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the	devil, and he will flee from you.
		: from him cometh my salvation.
		; he is my defense; I shall
not be		(Psalm 62:1-2).
"My soul waits in silence	e for God; only from Him is my salvation. He	e only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I
•		many images, but one is a photograph of a tiny bird
_		ng place, a brutal storm rages. Strong winds and
rain beat down, upturnii to the solid rock around		e bird is safe and still, and his life is spared, thanks
		? Ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall n from his excellency: they
		ey inwardly. My soul,
		pectation (hope) is from him (God) (Psalm 62:3-5).
was your response to this	s temptation? Did you venture into its midst o	olown away by a physical or emotional storm? What or retreat into the shelter of God's protective arms?
God is my salvation and	my slory: the rock of my	In, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him
		art before him: God is a refuge for us (Psalm 62:6-8).
		s of Psalm 62. Pay attention to the phrase, "My soul
-	only." In the photograph mentioned above, to storm passed. His confidence was in the sour	he bird was not chirping and fretting. Instead, it was ce of his protection.
Surely men of low degree	e are vanity, and men of high degree are	: to be laid in the balance,
	than vanity. Trust	t not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery:
if riches increase, set not	your	God hath spoken once;
		Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for
thou renderest to every m	nan according to	(Psalm 62:9-12).
•	rs your cries of distress, you can be assured t es and rest in Him until the storms and tempt	that once you call for Him, He will be with you. You tations die down.
<u>Let's look</u>	at some Scripture to help fight with temptati	ons. Please write out the verses below:
MERCY: (Psalm 103:13		

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 62.

WHAT ABOUT TEMPTATION AND SIN?

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Lesson #20

This week's verse to memorize: Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

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Will I think, say, and do things, which are wrong after I	am saved? <u>YES</u>
And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south co	untry, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in
Gerar. And Abraham said of his wife, She is	: and Abimelech king of
Gerar sent, and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech i	na,
and said to him, Behold, thou art but a	, for the woman which thou
hast taken; for she is a	(Genesis 20:1-3).
	God, but there were also times in his life when Abraham lied and harge of his life. Did Abraham sin after he was saved? <u>YES</u>
Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, Wha	at hast thou done?
And what have I	that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom,
a? T	hou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. And
	ou hast done this thing? And Abraham said, Because I thought,
Surely the fear of God is not	; and they will slay
me for	(Genesis 20:9-11).
strong and walked close to God, yet he failed. We will all human desires, however, the Holy Spirit who lives in us	I fail until we get to heaven. Because we are human and have will help keep us from failing.
And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and and speak ye unto the	d gather thou the assembly together thou, and Aaron thy brother,
and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so	o thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And And Moses
and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the r	rock, and he said unto them, hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch ? And Moses lifted up his hand, and
with his rod he	
	d the congregation drank, and their beasts also (Numbers 20:7-11).
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	on itself is not a sin, but <u>yielding to it is</u> . The Bible says in
James 1:13-16, "Let no man say he was tempted by God.	"There is a price that you will pay by yielding to temptation.
And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye _	
	the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not
this congregation into the land which I have	(Numbers 20:12).

Today's Bible reading is Numbers chapter 20.

TEMPTATION — THE TESTING OF YOUR COMMITMENT

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I	esson	#21

This week's verse to memorize: Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of

mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. During the stretching times of life, when God is testing you, He will teach you new and deeper truths about Himself, His purposes, and His promises. Difficulties are often painful, but they are always designed to be beneficial.		
wither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of p Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he	romise, as a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and looked for a city which hath foundations, whose	
	(Hebrews 11:8-10).	
	affling because you don't understand how anything good could ifice his son. Abraham's early thoughts could have gone like this:	
	ove all else. How could You ask this of me?" ill young. He is the one through whom my descendants are to come." me. Haven't I left my home and friends to follow You?"	
• Unbearable — "This is too hard for me. I ca	annot take this pain."	
Abraham rejected that kind of thinking. Instead, he revealed Abraham's unshakable commitment to the	trusted God and refused the temptation to turn away. The trial Lord's plan.	
, and was delivered of a child wh	nen she was past age, because she judged him	
	. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good	
as dead, so many as the		
, and a	as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable (Hebrews 11:11-12)	
	ur Father asks you to exercise faith and choose His way rather than and wholehearted commitment to His children will help you do this. ngs with you.	
offered up his	, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises, Of whom is was said,	
That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that even from the dead; from whence also he received him	t God was able to, m in a figure (Hebrews 11:17-19).	
	am as a sacrifice in Isaac's place. You will receive the same reward of yield to temptation. What will you do during times of testing?	
Let's look at Scripture to help fight	t with temptations. Please write out the verse below:	
PEACE: (Psalm 37:37)		

Today's Bible reading is Hebrews chapter 11.

TEMPTATION — MOTIVATION FOR COMMITMENT

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Lesson #22

This week's verse to memorize: Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Although Daniel was living as a captive in Babylon, he resolved in his heart not to violate God's laws, and he never wavered from his commitment. What motivated this young man to live out such a pledge?

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And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, th	at he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and the
king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom was	, but well
favoured, and skillful in all	and cunnung in knowledge, and understanding
science, and such as had the ability in them to stand in the	, and whom they
might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. And the	ne king appointed them a
provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so	nourishing them
, that at the end thereof they mig	
Now among these were of the children of Jud	ah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (Daniel 1:3-6).
Daniel's deep love for the Lord made him determined not to de God means choosing to be set apart to love, worship, and obey "Lord, every part of me is yours. I want what you want." When hearts will overflow with thanksgiving, and you will be motivated.	only Him and not to yield to temptation. It is declaring, you keep the Lord Jesus as the center of your focus, your
But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not	with the
portion of the king's nor with the	
requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not	
God had brought Daniel into	and tender love of the eunuchs (Daniel 1:8-9).
If Daniel outrightly refused to eat the king's food, he would lik for direction instead of yielding to temptation. The Lord gave t	
And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel. I fear my lord the	ne king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for
why should he see your faces	than the children which are of your
sort? Then shall ye make me	to the king. Then said Daniel to
Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hathee, days; and let them give us pulse (ve	
Notice there were no loud demands, no arguments, and no reb and dependence upon Him. Jesus promises that the Holy Spiri 16:13). When you listen closely to His direction, you will be mo	t will give you guidance and understanding, too (John
Then let our countenances be	before thee, and the countenance of the
children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou se	
matter, and proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days the	ir countenances appeared
in flesh than all the children wh	nich did eat the portion of the king's meat (Daniel 1:13-15).

Today's Bible reading is Daniel chapter 1.

STAYING COMMITED TO GOD WITHOUT YIELDING TO TEMPTATION

New Life Christian Growth Series - Fighting Temptation Booklet #24

Lesson	#23
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This week's verse to memorize: Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

not yield to temptation. How eager are <u>you</u> to d	o God's will?
I am crucified	: never the less I live; yet not I. but Christ
: and the life which	I now live in the flesh I live by the
	, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).
Daniel was living in a pagan society whose valuman was able to hear divine direction and main	ues were opposed to God's. Because of his devotion to the Lord, the young ntain his spiritual zeal.
As for these four children, God gave them	in
all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had unders	tanding in all
, , ,	d he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in
before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king commune	ed with them; and among them all was found
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If your temptation is distasteful or hard, you may falter. If this is the case, God will then use pressure to move you along Daniel did not waver, but Jonah did. The Lord's relentless pursuit motivated Jonah to turn back toward Him and agree to witness to Nineveh. God uses the Holy Spirit, people, and circumstances to push you to the place He wants you to go. Ask the Lord to help you be fully committed to Him and to live out that pledge every day.

Today's Bible reading is Jonah chapter 1.

<u>TEMPTATION — NO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED</u>

New Life Christian Growth Series - Fighting Temptation **Booklet #24**

Lesson #24

This week's verse to memorize: Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of

mine enemies, and	thy right hand shall save me.
The story of Jonah's resistance to the Lord's calling is legenterest extreme measures to get His prophet to obey? What will Constitute the world will be a supported by the world will be written as the worl	gendary. But isn't it unfortunate that God had to go to such God have to do to you for you to obey?
Then Jonah unto the Lord G	God out of the
And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord	, and he; out of the
belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou h	nadst cast me into,
in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about	t: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me (Jonah 2:1-3).
Jonah did what we all sometimes try to do — substitute of	ur plan for God's. There are times you know what the Lord has
in mind, but you yield to temptation anyway. Then, whene	ever you pray, it seems He brings up the issue you have been
trying to avoid. The pressure to act never subsides until ye	ou decide either to do what God asks, or until you quit praying.
And the Lord spake unto the	, and it
	upon the dry land (Jonah 2:10).
Busyness and yielding to temptation will bring misery. An	ything short of complete obedience is disobedience; if getting
you to learn this principle requires that you be swallowed	up by whale-sized trouble, God will allow it in your life.
And the word of the Lord came unto	
	unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went
unto, accordin	ng to the word of
Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' jo	
The Lord is not interested in your convenience or comfort	t; He is focused on conforming His children to Christlikeness
and using them to spread the Gospel throughout the world	d.
And Jonah began to enter	a day's journey, and he cried, and said,
	. So the people of Nineveh
	and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of
	(Jonah 3:4-5).
	of what it might cost you in wealth, time, or social status, you
fall deeper into the belly of temptation and distress.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	nightily unto: yea, let them turn every
	and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God
	that we perish not? And God saw their
works, that they turned from their evil way; and God	
that he had said that he would do unto them; and he	(Jonah 3:8-10)
The moment you repent and commit to obey, you are purg	

Today's Bible reading is Jonah chapter 3.

temptation. Following the Lord's plan for your life is the way to peace and joy.

*****Booklet #24 Test & Review (Pages 33-36)*****

Instructions: After you complete pages 7-32 of this Booklet, please answer the following questions to share what you have learned. When you are all done, please mail **pages 33-36 ONLY**, back to: Mountain State Ministries, P.O. Box 217, Springfield, WV 26763. When we receive it, we will review your answers and grade it (Pass or Fail).

Today's Date:/	
My Full Name:	
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This week's verse to memoriz Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou mine enemies, and thy right h	shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of
Section #1: Multiple	Choice
Each question below is followed by three answers: (A), (B), and (C). Consequently, then, select the correct answer and circle it. Each of the in this book	ese questions are taken from Scripture and the lessons
1. What should we do when we fall into diverse temptation?	6. You should not speak evil to whom?
(A) Try harder to avoid bad situations	(A) Your pastor
(B) Count it all joy	(B) Your wife or husband
(C) Pray about it	(C) One another
2. For we wrestle not against what?	7. What did David see from his roof?
(A) Flesh and blood	(A) A ball of fire
(B) The power of man	(B) His throne
(C) Satan and sin	(C) A woman washing herself
3. Greater is he that is in you than:	8. Who cast their eyes upon Joseph?
(A) All of the riches of the world	(A) The woman at the well
(B) He that is in the world	(B) Potiphar's wife
(C) All of man's power	(C) Potiphar
4. Jesus was tempted by what?	9. Is temptation a sin?
(A) God the Father	(A) Sometimes
(B) The world	(B) Always
(C) Satan	(C) Never
5. To fight temptation you must do what?	10. Let no man say he is tempted of whom?
(A) Put on the Armor of God	(A) God
(B) Read your Bible every day	(B) Satan

Today's Bible reading is Romans chapter 10.

(C) Man

(C) Go to church

*****Booklet #24 Test & Review (Pages 33-36)*****

This week's verse to memorize: Matthew 28:20 And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Section #2: True or False

Each question below is followed by a blank. Read each question carefully. If the statement is true, write the word, "true" in the blank. If the statement is false, write the word "false" in the blank. Each of these questions are taken from Scripture and the lessons in this book.

1. God hath delivered us from the power of darkness.	
2. Arm Yourself with the Word of God.	
3. You should make provision for the flesh.	
4. Sin will have dominion over the Christian.	
5. Ye are of God, little children.	
6. I can do all things through Christ.	
7. All things work together for good of God.	
8. One of the sources of temptation is the lust of the flesh.	
9. God is able to tempt you.	
10. Jesus was never tempted when He was on the earth.	
11. We should watch and pray that we enter not into temptation.	
12. We should be of good courage, and He (God) shall strengthen our hearts.	
13. You can get away with sin sometimes.	
14. Temptation is a sin.	
15. Christ should be magnified in my body.	
16. God is my rock and my salvation.	
17 I will say think and do things which are wrong after I am sayed	

Today's Bible reading is I Corinthians chapter 10.

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that temptation instead of standing securely upon God's word, hating sin and loving righteous When Jesus was facing temptation, He did not refer to tradition or church teaching, but He quoted word of God. How can we expect to be victorious over sin and temptation if we do not know and God's word—the Bible? Do you know and love the Bible and read it daily?	ess.
It is easy as humans to give in to temptation and sin. Are there sins that you love more than God? there certain behaviors, habits, addictions, etc. that you are not willing to give up in order to live for God? Are you willing to hold on to these things if it means losing your soul?	
We need to be wise and humble enough to realize that any of us can fall in to sin if we are not watch and praying and if we are not ready at all times to stand firm and resist the attacks of Satan. Are prepared? Are you standing firm? How can we be ready?	
Giving in to what we see as little sins or thinking that some bad habit or behavior is not a big deal make it much easier for us to give in to more and more sin and to lose the battle without realizin Have you ever given in to one sin and have seen it progress into a whole mess of sin? Do you realize important it is to stand firm against even "little sins?"	g it.

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According to Galatians 5:16, if we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Are you walking in the Spirit? What does that mean?			
there any way tha	t we can pray for you?	nat you have studied in this lesson or any	
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