

Conquering Temptation James 1.12-15

Last Sunday In our text we saw The Four Steps To Sin

1. **The Courtship to sin**- Drawn away (vs 14).
2. **The Consent to sin** - Enticed (vs 14).
3. **The Conception of sin** - Conceived (vs 15).
4. **The Completion of sin** - Death (vs 15).

We also saw the two agents at work in every temptation.

1. **There is our Heavenly Father** – He intends for us to overcome and gain victory over our temptations. Our trials and temptations are meant to make us stronger.
2. **Our Adversary the Devil** – He intends that we should fall to our temptation and sin. The devil always desires to devour us and he seeks that through deception.

To Conquer Temptation we must,

1. Recognize the Temptation

It has been said that in every temptation look for the hook.

How does a Christian identify the hook in the enticement (lure) of our temptation?

Psalm 119:9 - Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Psalm 119:11 - Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

A Christian needs to love and read his Bible from cover to cover.

1 Peter 2:2 - As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

It is the Word of God that equips us to see a temptation for what it is, so that we can see the hook of sin in the enticement.

The Word of God has all of the illumination we need, but it can do no good of we won't all the Word of God to work in our lives.

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What should a Christian do with the Word of God?

- Read the Word of God
- Study the Word of God

2 Timothy 2:15 - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

- Memorize the Word of God – Hide it in your heart
- Heed the Word of God – Trust and Obey the Word of God

2. Realize What Falling to Temptation will do

James 1:15 - *Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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What does this mean for a Born Again Christian

Hebrews 12:4–8 - *Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.* ⁵*And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:* ⁶*For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.* ⁷*If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?* ⁸*But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*

What is God doing when he chastens us?

Hebrews 12:11 - Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

3. Remember What God Is Doing In Your Trials and Temptations

1 Peter 1:6-7 - Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: ⁷That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

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4. Resolve To Overcome Your Trials and Temptations

Romans 3:3-4 - For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? ⁴God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Romans 12:21 - Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 John 4:4 - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

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