



# **“TEMPTATION: The Way of Escape!”**

## **1 Corinthians Ch. 10**

- Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* (John 14:6)

### **(v1-13) THE WRONG WAY! / THE RIGHT WAY!**

**(v1-10) Paul gives an example of ISRAEL’S WRONG WAY with four illustrations:**

- Illustration #1 – (v7) The wrong way of IDOLATRY (Exodus 32 – Israel worships the golden calf.)

- Illustration #2 – (v8) The wrong way of SEXUAL IMMORALITY (Numbers 25:1-9 – Israel commits harlotry with the women of Moab.)

- Illustration #3 – (v9) The wrong way of REBELLION (Numbers 21:4-9 – Israel rebelled against God and Moses.)

- Illustration #4 – (v10) The wrong way of COMPLAINING (Numbers 16 – Divisive hearts bring destruction.)

**(v11-13) (v11) Let’s learn from the example, receive the admonition, this is written for our time!**

**(v12) Let’s stay humble, be on guard, and realize we could fall under the same kind of judgment.**

**(v13) Let’s realize that our temptations are not unique; every temptation is *“common to man.”* We must turn to God, He is faithful, He will provide the way to escape and overcome!**

- If one stumbles, or is disobedient, falls to temptation and sins, then let’s REPENT and PRACTICE 1 John 1:5-2:2 - *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

### **(v14-22) THE WAY OF TRUTH!**

**(v14-15) Straight talk: *“Flee idolatry”* – In Deuteronomy 4:15-20 - *You saw no form of any kind the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore watch yourselves very carefully, so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman, or like any animal on earth or any bird that flies in the air, or like any creature that moves along the ground or any fish in the waters below. And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars — all the heavenly array — do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven. (Also, Romans 1:18-28.)***

- Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-27 - *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."*

- Ways to avoid temptation:

(1) PRAYER - Jesus said in Matt 6:13 - *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.* Mark 14:38 - *Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

(2) The Sword of the Spirit, the WORD OF GOD (Matthew 4:1-11).

(v16-22) Communion with the LORD cannot be mixed with the communion of idols (demons).

(v23-33) The Way of LIFE!

> Practice the GOOD LIFE! (Six exercises):

- Exercise #1 - (v23) EDIFY ONE ANOTHER!

- Exercise #2 - (v24) BLESS ONE ANOTHER!

- Exercise #3 - (v25-29) CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER!

- Exercise #4 - (v30-31) DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

- Exercise #5 - (v32-33) DO EVERYTHING FOR THE SALVATION OF EVERYONE!