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Triumphing Over Tempter and Temptation

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1 CORINTHIANS 10:13, 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

God provides for us in spiritual battles. When we face temptation and forces of evil, we can't forget God has been faithful in equipping us to face the challenge. How do you face the challenges when they come? If no temptation has seized us except what is common to man, and we know God is faithful, then He will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear. But when we are tempted, God will also provide a way out. You can triumph over the tempter and temptation!



NOTES

God is FAITHFUL.

“...his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

God is faithful like the morning sun. We can count on his love.

“There before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True.”
REVELATION 19:11

God provides for us in our times of spiritual battle – when we face temptation and evil.

“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.”
MATTHEW 6:13

Evil = all bad things, specifically what causes injury.

Do you face evil and temptation?

Would the story of your life be different if those who are hurting you knew how to overcome the temptation to do wrong and the power of evil?

God didn't create evil, but he did create the possibility for evil to exist by creating freedom. Evil entered the world when freedom was abused.

Sin = falling short, missing the mark, not measuring up to specifications.

“From within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.”
MARK 7:21-22

This sin problem affects all of our relationships.

What are we supposed to do about sin?

1. Live in denial
2. Say ‘that's just the way I am’
3. Blame others: “To err is human, to blame the other guy is even more human.”
4. Try to do something about it on my own



5. Rely on God's faithfulness

"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."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

God is faithful. Constant, steadfast, trustworthy and true, absolutely reliable.

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

Because God is faithful, I can triumph over temptation and the tempter.

Every temptation is common - "except what is common to man"

Don't let the Deceiver lie to you and get you isolated in your thinking – that you're all alone in this.

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so you may be healed."

JAMES 5:16

Every temptation is conditioned - "not...beyond what you can bear"

God doesn't tempt anyone, but he keeps the tempter from tempting us beyond what our growth can handle.

Every temptation is conquerable - "you can stand up under it"

Not by your willpower alone, but by the faithfulness of God.

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

The word 'strengthen' means God gives you what it takes to stand on the inside.

He comes alive in us by the presence of his Holy Spirit.

"Dear children, you are from God and you have overcome them because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

1 JOHN 4:4



We triumph over tempter and temptation by God's provision and our decision.

Don't just have Christ as a resident in your life. Make him President.

Use your freedom of choice to rightly choose to use God's gifts in this world the way that He designed.

"The Creator made them male and female...for this reason a man will leave father and mother, be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh...no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate."

MATTHEW 19:4-6

We are to live toward God's ideal, aligning our lives to God's higher Creator design.

When we use God's good gifts – intelligence, freedom, beauty, achievement, commerce, art, and sexual expression - as an end in themselves, we actually are committing idolatry and settling for less.

When we turn to our own way, we edge God out and set in motion other forces that are beyond our control. Forces that cause injury and damage, evil and sin.

God wants us to grow as His child in victory, to live a life of fellowship with Him, with others, in forgiveness and freedom. He wants us to live a life triumphant over tempter and temptation.

How can that happen?

- We rely on our faithful God.
- We receive forgiveness by faith.
- We die to self by faith.
- We live to Christ by his Spirit, by faith.
- We choose wisely facing decisions by faith, and we do it repeatedly.

Jesus overcame by following the Spirit's leadership and relying on the truth of God's Word to slice through the lies of the evil one and the time of temptation. You can do that, too.

The tempter is a deceiver with a bag of tricks, good misdirection, and believable lies. And he loves it when people believe he is overpowering. But the truth is he's on a leash and God will not let him tempt you beyond what you can overcome.

God lets you face temptation not so you get taken down, but so you can make Christ Lord and become an overcomer!

Because God is faithful, I can triumph over temptation and the tempter.



God makes the provision when it comes to temptation, but you have to make the decision.

1. You are not alone. God is with you.
2. You can learn. You can train yourself to recognize temptation and respond.
3. You may stumble as you learn. Just because you fall down doesn't mean you're not learning. Get back up.

Trust God's Spirit to rise up in you, to guide your thinking, to guide your deciding, to guide your doing so that you can come to a point where you can face temptation.

The first thing the Holy Spirit will tell you is: You can win. You got this. You can't lose - if you trust and rely on your faithful God.

