



"FACING THE FACT OF TEMPTATION" I Corinthians 10:12-14

INTRODUCTION <u>REMEMBER</u> THE <u>FACE</u> OF PRIDE – 10:12

"*Therefore*" – Grk: "*hoste*" – 74x in NT, 13x in I Cor. - I Cor. 15:58 Refers to the result of all that was said previously

 It <u>Admonishes</u> us not to trust ourselves – 12 "take heed lest he fall" Matt. 26:41; Prov. 16:18

<u>RECOGNIZE</u> THE FACT OF TEMPTATION - 10:12-13a

"*temptation*" - Grk "*peirasmos*" - 21x - not always the solicitation to do evil – it can refer to the difficult trials of life. James 1:2-4; James 1:12

It <u>Affects</u> all believers – 13a
"common to man" – Heb. 4:15

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? How can I accomplish this change? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

<u>REST</u> IN THE <u>FAITHFULNESS</u> OF GOD – 10:13b "God is faithful"

His <u>Protection</u>

"he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability"

His **Provision**

"but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape"

• His <u>Plan</u> - "that you may be able to endure it." James 1:2-4

Our ability to endure it IS the way out of temptation... God puts His strength in us and uses the temptation to make us strong and teaches us to depend totally upon Him!

II Cor. 12:7-10; I Pet. 5:8-11

3 WAYS GOD PROVIDES FOR US TO ENDURE TEMPTATION:

- Prayer
- Trust
- Focusing On Jesus Christ

RESPOND WITH <u>FAITH</u> IN THE LORD ALONE – 10:14 "flee from idolatry" I John 5:21