

TEMPTATION

Self-Control Will Not Help! There's More...

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KEY FACTS:

1. There is always more at _____ than what we think when it comes to temptation.
2. A great deal of your ability to say "no" to temptation has to do with your _____ in God.

EVERY TIME YOU'RE TEMPTED, THERE ARE THREE AREAS OF LIFE AT STAKE:

1. Your _____,
2. Your _____ and _____,
3. And your _____.

KEY POINTS:

- Temptation is always a _____ of your faith, not just your self control.

VIEWS OF GOD:

- Your _____ to life is: "If I don't, it won't.
- God wants us to _____ him to make up the difference.

Matthew 6:9: This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven....' TEV

Because we don't _____, we don't obey, and because we don't obey, we don't believe.

1 Timothy 1:19: holding onto faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

THE QUESTION IS:

Can God really be _____
every time I'm tempted?

- Jesus was tempted to meet a _____
need in an illegitimate way.

Matthew 4:1-4: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Deuteronomy 8:2-3: Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

- God's _____ and their _____
needs were connected.

Deuteronomy 8:11-14: Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws, and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18: You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. . . .

Matthew 4:4: Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

QUESTION:

- Are you trying to meet a legitimate need in an illegitimate way?
 - What is the temptation in your life?
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