

Overcoming Temptation

Follow: A Better Path For A Better Life

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Main Idea: You can overcome temptation by following the example of Jesus.

1. You will be tempted physically (the lust of the flesh).

Delivering truth #1 - You are a spiritual being and you can walk by the Spirit rather than the flesh.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" Luke 4:4

2. You will be tempted to be worldly (the lust of the eyes).

Delivering truth #2 - You are to put God first in your life.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" Luke 4:8

3. You will be tempted spiritually (the pride of life).

Delivering truth #3 - You are not presume upon God.

Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:12-13

A Prescription for getting on top of temptation

T– Take every thought captive

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

O– Offer yourself as a living sacrifice

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

P– Pray for deliverance

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41