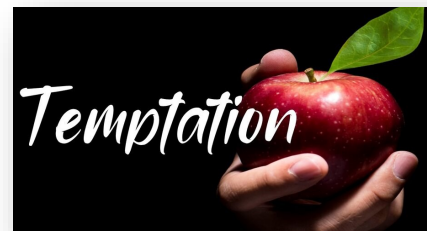


# Seeing Through Temptation



Of all the lessons that we have looked at in this Blurry Vision series, including prejudice, grief, unbelief, negativism, disappointments, materialism, short-sightedness, flying solo, compromise—there is one topic that universally faces every person from Adam to us. Not everyone deals with flying solo. But our topic today is something that every person deals with. This is the one topic in this series that we have in common with Jesus. This is the study of TEMPTATION.

## Understand What Temptation Is:

1. Temptation is not \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb 4:15). Jesus was tempted, but He did not sin.
2. Temptation is the \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.
3. Temptation is an allurements to our fleshly desires (Jas 1:13-16; 1 John 2:16)
  - temptation is like "\_\_\_\_\_"
  - each person is tempted according to their own \_\_\_\_\_
  - some temptations entice outward behavior. Others are attitudes
4. Temptation is often a struggle between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_
5. Temptations \_\_\_\_\_ as one ages (2 Tim 2:22)
6. Temptation can be \_\_\_\_\_, as Jesus shows us
7. Temptation has a way of \_\_\_\_\_ that is provided by God (1 Cor 10:13)
8. Temptation blurs our vision by hiding the \_\_\_\_\_ that follow sin (Heb 11:25)
9. Temptation is so dangerous because it leads to sin and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 5:19-21)

### A. The Temptation of Jesus (Mt 4:1-11)

- turn stones into bread: \_\_\_\_\_
- jump off temple: \_\_\_\_\_
- bow down: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: Jesus was alone, tired, hungry  
Satan finds those moments to tempt you

### Jesus Overcame these Temptations the same way you can

- The word of God is \_\_\_\_\_
- The word of God \_\_\_\_\_ changes
- The word of God is always \_\_\_\_\_

### B. There are things we can do that feed temptation or help overcome them:

#### Satan will Always Provide:

- An \_\_\_\_\_ for you to do wrong
- A \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage you to do wrong
- An \_\_\_\_\_ to justify doing wrong
- The \_\_\_\_\_ that you won't get caught

1. what we fill our minds with (2 Pet 2:14; Gen 6:5)
2. what influences us (Isa 5:18,20-23; Prov 23:17; 22-25)
3. what is important to us (Mt 6:21)
4. how strong we are spiritually (Lk 22:31-32)

### C. God doesn't abandon us in temptation

- He provides an escape (1 Cor 10:13)
- He is willing to forgive us and offer us His grace
- He wants us to draw near to Him (Jas 4:7-8)
- Our journey can help others (Prov 7:1-10, 22-27)

### Yield Not To Temptation

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin; each vict'ry will help you some other to win; fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue...

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain,  
God's name hold in rev'rence, Nor take it in vain;  
be thoughtful and earnest, kind hearted and true.

#### Chorus:

Look ever to Jesus; He'll carry you thro'  
Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen and keep you;  
He is willing to aid you, He will carry you thro'