



I die daily.....

I know many people along the way that have misunderstood temptation. They have had the mindset that temptation itself is sin. People struggle with guilt because they have been tempted. I dealt with this myself early on in my walk as a Christian. Christ Himself was tempted, but never sinned. That alone clears things up a bit, Christ was “tempted”, and yet did not sin. Temptation itself is not sin, it’s the crossroad moment that we can choose what’s right.

I am thankful for the example that Christ set for us. In His flesh Christ had to choose. He overcame His flesh and walked in obedience. That is the model that we are to follow. Temptation is going to come, we will face it daily. We will all be tempted, even though it may come in different forms we will all face it. What do you believe about resisting temptation? I might be better to ask the question, “Do you believe you can live without sin?”. It’s surprising to know that many people believe you cannot, but that is not a biblical teaching. So if you believe that you

can't live without sin, you have to believe that there is a temptation you can't overcome. Again, that is not a sound biblical teaching.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (full scripture below), spells out how we will be tempted, but not beyond what we are able to bear. God says He will leave a way out. So there is no temptation that you "can't" overcome. You may choose to go south when you should have went north, but you will never be able to say I "couldn't" overcome. God will leave a way of choice. So clearly from the word of God, SIN is a choice.

Christ spent time in the wilderness fasting before He faced temptation. How are you preparing for those times? This devotion that you are reading right now can be part of that armor you need to put on each day. It's taking time to get alone with God, with prayer, and bible meditation, that will strengthen you. There is no question whether temptation will come, the question is will you be ready when it does. You can be! What do you do when temptation presents itself? Preparation is the best way to resist. The putting on of that Full Spiritual Armor of God, is God's recipe for protection. When temptation comes, be reminded of what God has said about what you are dealing with. It's what Christ did, He quoted scripture in its right context. (The devil quoted scripture too, but He distorted its true meaning). You know your weaknesses, you know where you are easily tempted. Are you ready to face temptation in those areas?

Remember these words from God, "resist the devil and he will flee". Those that have convinced themselves they can't live without sin, have stopped resisting. What's the point right? I can't overcome, so why resist, I am forgiven anyway. That's not how God sees it. Resistance is key. Christ knows all about those fiery temptations. You must RESIST!

God help us put on that full armor. Protect us from the enemy and his deceptions. Walk with us, and lead us not to temptation, but deliver us from evil. In Jesus name AMEN

God bless – Pastor Paul

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Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. [Matt. 4:1](#)

In the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. [Heb. 5:7-9](#)

We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. [Heb. 4:15](#)

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. [I Cor. 10:13](#)

My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. [II Cor. 12:9](#)