

#1

Conquering Temptations
We must conquer temptations to live the overcoming life.
Ephesians 6:13-18

Conquering Temptations

***We must conquer temptations to live the overcoming life
If we are going to do this we must develop a resilience
and resistance to temptations.***

Physically, personally, this is a challenge.

***This is why the Bible gives us spiritual equipment that
enables us to live in victory.***

#2

Conquering Temptations
Ephesians 6:13-18 NIV
Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13-18 NIV Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

#3

Conquering Temptations
Ephesians 6:17-18 NIV
Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

#4

Conquering Temptations
Ephesians 6:16-18 NIV
In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

#5

Conquering Temptations
Ephesians 6:18-18 NIV
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

#6

Conquering Temptations
The story of Joseph's life reveals some of the highest highs and lowest lows a person may experience in life.
Genesis 39

Conquering Temptations

***The story of Joseph's life reveals some of the highest
highs and lowest lows a person may experience in life.***

***In Genesis 39 Joseph was sold as a slave and had
been taken down to Egypt.***

He was made servant to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's guard.

God was with Joseph and was blessing him in everything that he did.

When his master saw that the Lord was with him Joseph found favor in his eyes.

Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and everything that he owned.

It was shortly after Joseph was placed in this position that Potiphar's wife took notice of Joseph, because he was well-built and handsome.

Genesis 39:7 NIV "his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

#7

Conquering Temptations
Genesis 39:7 NIV
"No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

In Genesis 39:9 NIV Joseph replied: "No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

#8

Conquering Temptations
One of the greatest surprises to come to a new Christian is the fact of temptation.
Satan is the great thief who wants to steal, kill, and destroy everything God has given you.

One of the greatest surprises to come to a new Christian is the fact of temptation.

Most of us want to think that once we have been saved temptation will never be a problem.

Life will be easier.

No more struggles

No more of what we had before we became a Christian.

The old is gone.

As a Christian we must be vigilant against sin.

We will always have temptations in life.

Satan is the great thief who wants to steal, kill, and destroy everything God has given you.

Satan will see to it that you are tempted. Temptations will vary in type and scope, but they will never completely leave.

Joseph was in the house of Potiphar, the captain of the Egyptian guard.

As a slave, he was faced with temptations that were forced on him.

He was God's man in a wicked world.

It is important for us to understand that God had an appointment for Joseph.

His life was being directed by the sovereign God.

God had His hand and His eye on Joseph.

#9

Conquering Temptations

*Joseph was living in a wicked world
The Egyptian culture was a mixture
of pantheism and animal worship*

Joseph was living in a wicked world

The Egyptian culture was a mixture of pantheism and animal worship

Pantheism is a religion that admits and tolerates all gods.

The Egyptian's made deities of all animals.

These Egyptian gods were formed out of all kinds of precious and semi-precious materials.

Within the Egyptian culture there were very little moral constraints.

Their religion embraced deviant sexual perversion as a form of worship to the gods.

As a young man, Joseph was thrown into that pantheistic atmosphere.

He was constantly exposed to sexual immorality and impure activities.

Every day he faced situations to tempt him to compromise his faith and trust in God.

Potiphar's wife became a source for these temptations.

She was determined to pull Joseph into her lustful perversions.

Joseph's faith in God and personal integrity did not fail. Joseph's experience offers four great truths that will help each of us conquer the temptations we face.

#10



First, realize that it is not a sin to be tempted

Every one of us will be tempted.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ was tempted like we are, but without committing sin.

Satan did everything he could do to draw Jesus into sin.

He offered Him riches.

He offered Him position.

He tried to get Jesus to forsake His mission in life.

Potiphar's wife became an instrument of temptation.

She was filled with a vile attraction for Joseph.

She had no moral constraint that kept her from immorality.

#11



Satan is the enemy of your soul.

He will do anything he can to undermine and destroy the foundation you are established on.

Joseph had a relationship with God that he was not willing to compromise.

We need to understand the makeup and function of temptation.

Temptations are generally a perverted use of some good God given desire.

When Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan, in the Garden of Eden, he appealed to them on the basis of legitimate desires.

He told them that they wanted to be more like God.

He told them they would gain new wisdom.

He told them that the tree was lovely to look on.

Satan knows how to give a spin on the truth.

He is wicked to the core.

He is a liar and father of all lies.

Joseph was not spiritually or morally weak because he encountered temptations.

Neither are you.

Satan will attempt to convince you that you are evil weak because you are tempted.

#12



1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

#13



able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Second, you need to understand Satan's goal in temptations

Satan has well defined goals when he tempts God's children.

First, Satan wants to destroy your influence.

Joseph had been raised to a high position because he had favor with God.

God had raised him up as a witness.

He was in Egypt for the deliverance of his family.

God had His hand on Joseph.

If Joseph surrendered to the invitation of Potiphar's wife his influence for God would be destroyed.

The course of history could have been changed if Joseph had not understood Satan's goal.

#14



Second, Satan wants to ruin your life.

Satan wants to ruin the witness of everyone who follows God.

He wants to bring you to shame.

He wants to humiliate you and your God.

He wants to destroy your future.

Joseph's experiences have been repeated throughout history.

#15

Conquering Temptations

1 Peter 5:8 Amplified
"Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring in fierce hunger, seeking someone to seize upon and devour."

1 Peter 5:8 Amplified Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.

This is exactly what is happening.

Satan will promote a lifestyle that rejects God's Word.

He wants you to live only for yourself.

He wants to get your eyes off of God.

He wants to get your focus on the immediate and the trivial.

Temptation is one of many tools that are used to draw us away from God's goals and purposes for our lives.

#16

Conquering Temptations

Third, what is the power of temptation
God delivers the godly out of temptation

Third, What is the power of temptation

You need to know that God never tempts us to do evil.

The Bible tells us several times that God delivers the godly out of temptation.

God will never tempt you to sin.

Satan is the source of power behind all evil temptations.

Satan is a master of deception.

He was a deceiver from the beginning.

He is the father of all lies.

His goal is to hide the consequences of sin's actions.

He wants to make evil look good and good look evil.

#17

Conquering Temptations
Third, what is the power of temptation
 •It happens in a totally unexpected time and way
 •Once started the temptation was repeated daily
 •Temptation is made to appear like personal gain
 •Temptation is made to look unavoidable
 •All of the facts are never given
 •What information is given is misleading

When Joseph was tempted several things happened that you will face when you are tempted.

Look at the misleading power of temptation.

First, it happened in a totally unexpected time and way

Second, once started the temptation was repeated daily.

Third, Satan makes temptation appear like personal gain.

Fourth, temptation is made to look unavoidable

Fifth, Satan never gives you all of the facts

#18

Conquering Temptations
Fourth, how do you conquer temptations
 You do not have to fall prey to Satan's misleading devices

Fourth, how do you conquer temptations?

Before you can conquer temptation you must know that you do not have to fall prey to Satan's misleading devices.

Satan is a powerful foe, but he can be defeated.

He is powerful, but greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

When you are being tempted it often feels like all other options are taken away.

The lure to temptation can be conquered through persistent faith and trust in God and His Word.

#19

Conquering Temptations
How do you conquer temptations?
 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV
 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

How do you conquer temptations?

1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Can you believe God's word?

#20



God has promised you a way to escape.

2 Peter 2:9 NASB95 “The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation.”

#21



How can we conquer temptations?

Step One to Conquering Temptation: There is victory through Jesus Christ

Throughout history Satan has been effective in defeating man through temptations.

He did it in the Garden of Eden

He did it in Noah’s day

He did it in Moses time

He did it through the time of the Judges of Israel

He effectively defeated man through the time of the prophets

When Jesus Christ came on the scene Satan saw an opportunity to completely destroy man.

If he could defeat the God-Man, Jesus Christ, there would be no hope.

Satan attempted to defeat Christ Jesus in the wilderness temptations.

Again in the Garden of Gethsemane, he attempted to defeat the plan of God.

At the cross and in the tomb, Satan tried to hold Jesus captive to his devices.

Jesus Christ defeated Satan in every situation.

Every believer has been given the victory of Jesus Christ.

We have the victory through the blood of the cross.

Step Two to Conquering Temptation: You must resist temptation

- *Abraham resisted the temptation to take a reward for services rendered, Genesis 14:23.*

He chose rather to trust in God.

- *Elisha refused to take payment for healing Naaman the leper, 2 Kings 5:16*
- *Job rejected evil counsel to curse God, Job 2:9-10.*
- *Peter refused to take a bribe from Simon the Sorcerer, Acts 8:9-20.*

You must resist temptation.

Joseph turned and fled from the temptations that grabbed hold of him.

Sometimes you just have to pull yourself together and say: NO !

One of the strongest things you can learn to say to sin is NO.

When temptation comes stop trying to reason with it, say, NO !

Stop trying to cope with it, just say NO !

Stop trying to work around it, just say NO !

Say NO and leave it behind you.

#23

Conquering Temptations

Step Three to
Conquering Temptation:
Avoid areas of temptation

Proverbs 4:14 NIV
Do not set foot on the path of the wicked
or walk in the way of evil men.

Step Three to Conquering Temptation: Avoid areas of temptation

Proverbs 4:14 NIV Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men.

There are places you know you should not go.

There are things you know you should not do.

There are people you know you should not entertain.

There are activities you know you should avoid.

If you go down that road you know you will be tempted.

Some of you know that if you go to the food bar you will over eat.

You know that if you are exposed to that enticement you will cave in.

Some of you know that if you sit down and have a cup of coffee with some people you will get involved in detrimental conversation and thoughts.

#24

Conquering Temptations

2 Peter 3:17 Amplified
Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].”

If you know there is a lion in the path, don't go down the path.

2 Peter 3:17 Amplified “Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless *and* wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].”

#25

Conquering Temptations
God will help you find a way for you to escape
1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB95)
No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

God will help you find a way for you to escape

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB95) No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Get this Word down in your heart.

God is faithful.

He will always provide a way for you to escape.

God wants you to overcome.

He wants you to conquer the temptations you face.

He wants you to succeed in your Christian life.

He wants you equipped and covered.

He wants you strong and full of life.

He wants you holy and pure.

He wants you to be victorious.

#26

Conquering Temptations
Through the blood of Jesus Christ God has provided a way out for you.

Through the blood of Jesus Christ God has provided a way out for you.