

Bible Study Topic:

Temptation

- I Corinthians 10:13** God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you could bear. He will always make a way of escape. If you are willing to be made willing.
- Hebrews 2:18** Jesus has been tempted, too, in every category that you are tempted: lust, appetite, presumption, power, sensuality, Sabbath breaking—you name it, He's been tempted. Therefore, He knows how to help you.
- James 1:12-14** God is never the one tempting you. Don't say "I think God brought this (wrong) person into my life to make me happy" or "God brought this opportunity to work on the Sabbath so it can pay my school bill," etc.
- James 4:7** Resist the devil in your mind. If you don't yield in your thoughts you will be much less likely to yield in actuality. (II Cor. 10:5)
- Matthew 18:8** Sometimes not putting yourself into places where you know you will be tempted is as hard as cutting off your hand. A little pain now doesn't compare with an eternity of happiness.
- Ephesians 6:10-11 & 16-17** God's Word serves as a shield against yielding to temptation. The instruction and promises that you are reading daily will come to your mind just when temptation seems overwhelming.
- John 6:37** Sometimes desire to do wrong will be so strong that we can only cry out in our mind "Jesus, help me." He will never turn us away—even when the rest of our being screams for indulgence.
- I Peter 1:6-7** Tempted? Jesus can use the device of Satan to make you into pure gold.
- Genesis 3:15** Ask God for the gift of hatred for sin so you won't be so attracted to it.
- Romans 8:26, 37** Jesus and His Spirit feel sorry for you when you're tempted and want to help you. They know the source of your temptation. Soon Satan will be cursed (Romans 16:20) and we can love forever free of temptation! Can't wait!

I love you Jesus. Please help me to trust you with my happiness. Sometimes I think if I resist temptation, I'm missing out on something. Fill the emptiness in my heart with the peace and contentment of your Spirit. Amen.