

Sins of the Flesh

As found in Galatians 5:19-21

U O F A A C S N O I T I D E S M Z J K E E M
 S E L Q V T J Z U N C L E A N N E S S S F B
 Y F Y M D R F W B F S Y R H E R W U F M T I
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 G T S Q S S E N N E K N U R D E D W Y A Y S
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 V M E P T T X H T C I C K H I I K G O W R Z
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 W V Z X O T C A Y A H Y K P V Q X M G X B J

Words to Find:

- Adultery
- Drunkennes
- Emulations
- Envyng
- Fornication
- Hatred
- Heresies
- Idolatry
- Lasciviousness
- Murders
- Revellings
- Seditions
- Strife
- Uncleanness
- Variance
- Witchcraft
- Wrath

Making Provision for the Flesh

W. Knight

One day Bob was given definite instruction by his mother not to go in swimming in the nearby pond. Shortly afterward, Bob was to pass the pond enroute to the ball park. He took along with him his

bathing suit, "just in case he was tempted." He made provision to heed to his temptations.

An older man knew of his weakness and prepared in another way. "When I pass a watermelon patch, I can't keep my mouth from watering, but I can run".

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew 26:41

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Jesus Was Tempted

Bill Brinkworth

All people on this earth face temptations at one time or the other. During those times we have an opportunity to choose, if we are going to do what God would have us do; or ignore His desires and do our own thing. Jesus, when He was on this earth was not exempt from facing similar trials and temptations. The most famous of Jesus' trials is the one found in Luke 4:1-13, where Jesus was tempted by the devil.



Although most of us will not often rank the personal attention of Satan's temptations as did Jesus, we can learn how to face our enticements by following Christ's example. What gave Christ the victory then, will help us succeed today.

In all three testings (Luke 4:1-13) Jesus faced, He was victorious. We can win when we are tempted to sin. We do not have to succumb to the impulse to lie,

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Avoid Temptation

Beecher

If you have had problems with your temper, take care that you do not go where your temper will be tried. If you have had a problem with drinking, be careful that you do not go where the sight or smell of liquor will tempt you to drink again. If you are going to maintain your good resolutions to break free from sin's clasp, if you are going to reform your habits, keep away from evil.



Pass not by it. Turn from it. Avoid it. Avoid the very appearance of it. A man, who has been leading a lustful and lascivious life, cannot afford to go into the company of those who have been accustomed to go with him. No amount of resolving to do right will save a man, if he remains under the influences which have led him to go wrong. If a man wears garments which are covered with gunpowder, he cannot safely go and hire out in a blacksmith's shop.

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cheat, deceive, commit adultery, drink, or any other weakness our flesh wants to give in to.

Also notice that none of Jesus' trials were won by smart answers, reasoning with the enemy, or compromising. They were won by simply quoting and abiding by biblical principles.

When Jesus was tempted to turn the stones into bread, He simply quoted Deuteronomy 8:3, "...make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live." Satan attacked again and tried to tempt Jesus by offering power and the things of this earth. Christ's defense was again Scripture, "...Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve ..." Deut. 10:20.

By the third temptation, Satan knew how Jesus would fend him off. Satan attempted to counter with Scripture quoting of his own. Satan's misquoting and misusing of God's Word (Psalm 91:11), did not hamper Jesus. He simply quoted Deuteronomy 6:16.

The key to facing a temptation is not running from it, ignoring it, or giving in to it. It is determining if it is wrong accord-

ing to God's Word, and if so sticking to the guidelines given in the Bible. That is why it is so important to daily read and study God's Word. You never know what trials and temptations you will face today. When you do face them, will you know what God's Word says about the trial you are facing? Do you know Scripture well enough to make it your protection, and guide through the pitfalls you will face?

Always be Wary!

J. B. Brown

Many that study human character have observed that there is a temptation that is deadlier than a direct assault. You may fight hard against temptation, and fight victoriously. You may beat it off, and crush it down; and then, when weary with the conflict, and are wanting to relax, enticements shall steal in and easily master you. We are often weakest after a hard battle.

Beware of your best moments as well as of your worst, and sometimes the moments which succeed victory over one temptation. Just when "triumph" seems to permit and justify disarmament for a moment, the subtle foe with which you have to deal with will steal

in on you, and win a treacherous victory.

Always be aware we are never totally safe from being overcome by our temptations. They are often around the corner there to snare one that is not cautious.

The Tempter Knows

Author Unknown

The devil does not know the hearts of men; but he may feel their pulse, know their temper, and so accordingly can apply himself.

As the farmer knows what seed is proper to sow in such soil; so Satan, finding out the temper, knows what temptation is proper to sow in a particular heart. He knows the way the tide of a man's constitution runs, and the way the wind of temptation blows. Satan tempts the ambitious man with a crown, the lustful man with beauty, and the covetous man with money. He provides just the right temptation, that attracts the sinner.

Tempted

Jackson (1640)

The world is Satan's bait. He seldom throws out a naked hook. Let murder, fraud, lying, or idolatry be presented in their undisguised turpitude (*extreme depravity*), and few of good education and correct morals will be taken

captive by him. But, he conceals the hook in a goodly bait, and is like a skillful angler. He knows how to use that part of the world which is best suited to our taste and most likely to decoy. For one he has a golden bait; for another, pleasure; for a third, worldly consequence and honour. His line is thrown out in every place — in the place of business, in our families, studies, at our tables, and on our pillows. Too many have fallen to his luring casts.

Why We Can Be Tested

Spurgeon

One reason why you may be tempted and tried is that God, in His wise providence, is now testing you to see whether you are a fit man for His work. Before a fire arm is sold it is taken to a testing area, and there it is loaded with a charge, perhaps four or five times heavier than it will ever have to carry at the ordinary sportsman's hand. The barrels are fired, and if they burst in the proof-house no great hurt is done. It would have been exceedingly dangerous if the weapon were not tested, and it burst in the hands of some man.

So God takes His servants. Some He intends to make special use of. He puts them to the test; perhaps loads them with five times more temptations than is ordinary, in order that He may see, and prove to onlookers, that they are meant for the Divine service and are helped by God.

"The Word of God is the sword a Christian has to fight his battles. Unfortunately, because they don't read it, most only have an empty scabbard on their side and no sword."

"Watch out for temptation — the more you see of it the better it looks!"