

CREATION TO CHRIST

TESTING, TRIALS, & TEMPTATION

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No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Testing, Trials, & Temptation – All these English words come from the same Greek word (*peirasmos*).

Temptations are the _____ sense. They are opportunities to obey self and please self. They have evil intent. Not from God (Mt. 16:1, 19:3, 22:18,35; Mk. 8:11, 10:2, 12:15; Jn. 8:6; James 1:13-14).

Testing & Trials are the _____ sense. They are opportunities to obey God and please Him. They have a sanctifying intent. They are from God (Mt. 4:11; Lk. 22:28; 1 Cor. 10:13; James 1:12).

_____ is the key! _____ are often happening at the same time (Mt. 4:1).

FOUR EASY STEPS TO FAILURE (Genesis 3:1-6)

1. Receiving subtle _____ of God's Word (3:1).
2. _____ God's commands to make them more restrictive (3:2-3).
3. Believe God to be _____ (3:4-5).
4. Give in to sinful _____ (3:6).

★ If we give in to temptation, it will be because _____ has overcome _____ in the struggle to influence our _____.

WE PREPARE FOR, AND GROW THROUGH, TESTING, TRIALS, & TEMPTATIONS WHEN WE:

1. _____ and _____.
2. Make love for God our _____.
3. Fight with _____.
4. Count them as _____, knowing they produce_ _____.
5. Make no _____ for the flesh.

"The thing that makes men and rivers crooked is following the path of least resistance."

6. _____ God to be working everything for our good.

TRUTHS TO CLING TO

I am here...

1. By God's _____.
2. In His _____.
3. Under His _____.
4. For His _____.

FAMILY/FRIENDS GROUP DISCUSSION:

Share one test, trial, or temptation that you went through this past year. How did you respond?