

The Invisible War

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Session One

Understanding the Sources and Purposes of Temptation

Two Kinds of Testing:

- **Trial:** A situation designed by God in order to _____ to him.
- **Temptation:** A situation designed by Satan in order to _____ from God.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4 NIV)

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General Facts about Temptation:

- It is not a _____ to be tempted.

Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are, yet he sinned not. (Hebrews 4:15)

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16 NKJV)

- I will never _____ temptation.

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 [of escape] so that you can stand up under it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV)

- Temptation will _____.
- Temptations are _____ to everybody.
- God _____ every temptation we go through.
- God will _____ if I trust him.

The Three Sources of Temptation:

- My own _____
- The _____
- The _____

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. (James 1:13-15 NIV)

- Lust is an unrighteous way to fulfill a _____.

For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:16-17 NIV/NKJV)

- The devil’s purpose in temptation is to _____.

Why God Allows Temptation:

- The necessity of _____

- Temptation shows us:

What we _____

Where we _____

Where we’re _____ in the future if we don’t change

- It allows a choice that is essential for character building. It’s an opportunity for growth.