

# Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1442: How Do I Identify Temptation and Shut it Down? See:

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1. How does just reading 1 Corinthians 10:13 shape your understanding of temptation, particularly regarding God's faithfulness and the "way of escape"?
2. How does the Greek word for temptation/testing expand our understanding beyond simply doing wrong? (1 Corinthians 10:12-13, Hebrews 11:17)
3. What are the three sources of temptation or testing, and how does each source differ in its purpose or intent?
  - a. Matthew 4:3
  - b. Hebrews 11:17
  - c. 2 Corinthians 13:5
4. Describe the differences between temptation, testing and spiritual attack. What response does each require of us? (James 1:14-15, 1 Peter 5:8, Hebrews 12:6-7)
5. How does Romans 7:21-25 describe the internal struggle between the flesh and the spiritual mind of the new creature? What does this say about persistence on the part of the struggle and on our part?
6. Where does temptation begin, and how does desire progress toward sin if it is allowed to grow? (James 1:14-15, 1 John 2:15-17)
7. What can we learn from examining Lucifer's fall? How did he display "the lust of the eye," "the lust of the flesh" and "the boastful pride of life"? How did he later use these same elements to tempt Eve? (James 1:14-15, Isaiah 14:12-15, Genesis 3:4-6)
8. Based on James 4:7-10, list seven steps to shut down temptation. Then add how to shut it down with the appropriate scripture for each and the practical point given to help us do this.
9. How does 2 Peter 1:5-7 help us to shut down temptation? Why does this process, practiced over a long period of time, help us resist negative temptation?
10. What practical changes (environment, habits, accountability or mindset) can you implement this week to "set your mind on things above," to prevent temptation from taking root? (Colossians 3:2-5)