

*Growing
in
Grace*

Lesson Six

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- b. Who was tempted by Satan in Matthew 4:1-4? _____
2. Realize that if you completely _____ yourself to God, sin shall not _____ dominion over you. (Romans 6:13,14)
- a. When a Christian is totally surrendered to Christ, he will _____ the world (I John 5:4) and will...
- b. be _____ than a _____ through Christ. (Romans 8:37)
3. Realize that God has provided a way out in every temptation.
- a. He will make way to _____ that ye may be able to _____ it. (I Corinthians 10:13)
- b. "The Lord knoweth how to _____ the godly out of _____" (II Peter 2:9)
4. Realize that Jesus is the way. (I John 14:6)
- a. How is this seen in Hebrews 4:14-16? _____
- b. "In that He Himself hath suffered being _____, He is able to _____ (help) them that are tempted." (Hebrews 2:18)
5. Realize the powers that are at your disposal.
- a. "And they _____ him by the _____ of the _____ and by the _____ of their _____;" (Revelation 12:11)
- b. "Whatsoever is born of God _____ the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our _____." (I John 5)
- c. In the battle with temptation, the Bible is the believer's _____ of the _____. Read Ephesians 6:10-17.
6. What is the formula for victory over temptation in James 4:7? _____
7. Realize that it is impossible to live a sinless life (I John 1:8,10)
8. Be prepared for temptation. There are three ways to be prepared:
- a. _____ that ye enter not into temptation. (Luke 22:40)
- b. Walk _____ (carefully on the watch) (Ephesians 5:15)
- c. "_____ and _____ that ye enter not into temptation." (Matthew 26:41)
- d. Equip yourself for spiritual battle. (See Ephesians 6:10-17) "The _____ of the Spirit which is the _____ of God."
9. If you yield to temptation, what should you do? _____ (I John 1:9)
- D. Practical suggestions for daily victory over sin.
1. Form a strong habit of daily Bible reading and prayer.
 2. Memorize Scripture. Jesus used Scripture to defeat the devil: we must follow His example. You will never gain a victory if you aren't armed with the proper weapons.
 3. Meditate on God's Word. Allow it to convict you of your sin and lead you to repentance.
 4. Be in God's house (the church) whenever the doors are open. Your life should revolve around your church. Participate in it!!
 5. Spend time with Christian friends who love the Bible and the Lord Jesus.
 6. Speak to others about Christ; Seek to be a consistent testimony.
 7. Read GOOD Christian books that strengthen your faith.

Review from Lesson Five: (Know the answers to these questions before doing Lesson Six.)

1. Why should every Christian witness?
2. What two ways can every Christian witness?
3. What is the Bible plan of presenting Christ to others?
4. What are four areas of separation that every Christian should consider?

The Christian life, once entered upon by salvation, is a battleground, and thus the believer must enter this spiritual warfare spiritually prepared. To prepare us for the fight, God will allow trials to come into our lives to increase our spiritual strength and endurance. The strength gained from these trials will help prepare the child of God for the deceitful, yet strong enemies called sin and temptation. In the DAILY Christian warfare, every believer can have victory in Jesus through trials for strength and battles with temptation. "But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:57)

- I. There will be Trials for Strength that come from God. Since every believer WILL face trials, there are several things we must learn about these testings from God:
- A. Learn that God desires us to have the proper attitude while facing trials.
1. Christ said, "In the world ye shall have _____, but (we are to) be of _____." (John 16:33)
 2. We should consider it to be all _____ when we encounter various trials. (James 1:2)
 3. Romans 5:3 says that every Christian can _____ in _____
 4. As you have studied the above three Bible references, write in your own words what every Christian's attitude should be when facing trials: _____
- B. Learn that God is in absolute, total control when we face trials.
1. We must remember that _____ things work together for _____ to them that love God. (Romans 8:28)
 2. Who gave Satan permission to test Job? _____ (Job 1:12; 2:6)
 3. What does Job 23:10 say about God's control in trials? _____
 4. When a Christian realizes that God is in total control, he will _____ in the _____ with all his heart, and lean _____ to his own _____. (Proverbs 3:5,6)
- C. Learn that God has a purpose in allowing His children to face trials.
1. The trying of our faith works _____ (endurance), but let patience have her perfect work that ye may be _____ and _____ wanting nothing. (James 1:3,4)
 2. Our faith is tried so that we might be found unto _____ and _____ at the appearing of Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1:7)
 3. The trial of sickness that Lazarus, Jesus' friend, faced was for the _____ of God. (John 11:2-4)
 4. The poverty-stricken Macedonian's great trial of affliction was God's way of testing the real abundance of their _____ (I Corinthians 8:2)
 5. Trials are allowed to teach us not to trust in _____ but in _____ which raiseth the dead. (II Corinthians 1:9)

6. The Apostle Paul said the things (trials) that had happened to him were for the furtherance of the _____ (Philippians 1:12)
7. Trials are allowed so that "we may be able to _____ them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith _____ are comforted of God." (II Corinthians 1:4)

D. In reviewing God's purpose of allowing His children to face trials, we have learned that :

1. God allows trials so that we will become stronger Christians. (James 1:3,4)
2. God allows trials so that we might bring honor to Christ at His Second Coming. (I Peter 1:7)
3. God allows trials so that our lives might bring glory to God. (John 11:2-4)
4. God allows trials so that He may prove (test) the real sincerity of our Christian joy. (II Corinthians 8:2)
5. God allows trials to teach His children not to depend on themselves but upon Him. (II Corinthians 1:9)
6. God allows trials that we might use them as opportunities to share the Gospel with others. (Philippians 1:12)
7. God allows trials so we can comfort others who are going through the same trials that we have already been through. (II Corinthians 1:4)

Remember, God's purposes in our trials can ONLY be accomplished if we face them with the right attitude -- JOY!! (James 1:2)

II. There WILL be battles with temptation against the forces of evil. Just as trials come from God and are for our good, temptation comes from Satan and his angels to weaken and discourage our Christian life. The Christian must never forget that he is at war with the forces of evil.

Ephesians 6:11 seriously reminds each Christian to "put on the _____ of God, that ye may be able to stand _____ the _____ (tricks) of the _____."

But, because God has given the believer His Holy Word and permanently empowered the believer with His indwelling Holy Spirit, the believer has several advantages in this daily war with evil:

A. FIRST, God's Word has ALREADY REVEALED the believer's enemies. The Christian faces a two-fold enemy:

1. The enemy from WITHOUT - Satan and his fallen angels are constant opponents working to oppose God's program on earth. Peter said, "Be _____, be _____; because your _____ the _____, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may _____." (I Peter 5:8)
 - a. The Bible reveals Satan's character
 - 1) He is proud and boastful. Lucifer (Satan's original name) said he would _____ his throne above the stars of God. (Isaiah 14:13)
 - 2) He is very deceptive. So much so, that he sometimes deceives people by _____ into an angel of _____. (II Corinthians 11:14)
 - 3) He is the source of untruthfulness. Jesus said Satan is a _____ and the _____ of it. (John 8:44)
 - b. The Bible reveals Satan's purpose
 - 1) He invents false teaching to confuse humanity. I Timothy 4:1 speaks of the latter times described as having _____ of devils.
 - 2) "He _____ the minds of them that _____ not, lest they should see the _____ of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ." (II Corinthians 4:4)

- 3) He tries to frustrate and discourage the will of God for believers. "Lest by some means the _____ have _____ you and our labor be in vain." (I Thessalonians 3:5)
2. The enemy from WITHIN - the "flesh". The "flesh" is the old sin nature that we have at birth (Psalms 51:5). When a person receives Christ as Saviour, he receives Christ's nature (the Holy Spirit). The two constantly war with each other for control of the believer's life. The Bible says "the _____ (old nature) lusteth against the _____ (new nature) and the _____ against the _____; and these are _____ the one to the other." (Galations 5:17)
 - a. The old nature loves sin. "Now the works of the _____ are manifest, which are; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness..." (Galations 5:19-21)
 - b. Those Christians who yield control of their lives to the flesh (carnal), God calls _____ in Christ, and are considered spiritually immature. (I Corinthians 3:1)
 - c. Christians should not be controled by their old nature, but should be _____ (constantly controled) by the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18). One controled by the Spirit is learning and obeying God's Word.
 - d. Each Christian should bring his body (old nature) into _____ (rule) of the new nature of Christ. (I Corinthians 9:27)
 - e. In order to be controled by the Holy Spirit and bring the flesh under His control, each believer must fully _____ (give) himself unto _____." (Romans 6:13)

Daily, as you live for Christ, recognize the presence of the "old nature" within you, and yield yourself totally unto the Holy Spirit.

B. SECOND, God's Word has ALREADY REVEALED Satan's plan of attack--- "tempting the flesh". It is his purpose to try to cause the Christian to be spiritually defeated. Although, in Christ, the child of God has been freed from the power of sin (Romans 6:7), he can be deceived by Satan and his "plan of attack".

1. Satan's plan of attack---"The Steps of Defeat"
 - a. STEP 1 - The Enemy begins his attack with temptation.
 - 1) "But every man is _____." (James 1:14a)
 - 2) He tempts the desires of the Old Nature of Sin that each of us have. What are these desires according to I John 2:16?
 - a) the lust of the _____
 - b) the lust of the _____
 - c) the pride of _____
 - b. STEP 2 - The believer allows temptation to become an uncontrollable desire, LUST. "... when he is _____ away of his own _____ and enticed." (James 1:14)
 - c. STEP 3 - Lust then "gives birth" to sin. The believer disobeys God's Word. "Then the lust has conceived, it bringeth forth _____; and sin when it is finished bringeth forth _____." (James 1:15)
 2. Analyze the enemy's plan. As you study your spiritual enemy's plan, analyze the best place to stop his plan from working out. Common sense will tell you the best place is between steps 1 and 2, stopping temptation before it becomes lust. But HOW?
 - a. II Timothy 2:22 tells us: "_____ youthful _____." Literally, it means "run for your life" from the scene of any temptation.
 - b. READ the account of Adam and Eve's temptation in the Garden of Eden and see if you can detect Satan's plan of attack--"the steps to sin". (Genesis 3:1-6)
- C. THIRD, God's Word has ALREADY REVEALED the believer's way for victory over sin.
1. Realize that temptation itself is not sin.
 - a. The Bible says _____ man is tempted. (James 1:14)