

# The Wreckage of Temptation

1 Timothy 1:19 KJV

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:





# What Are We Tempted By?

## 1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

## 1. Responding to Temptation Wisely:

1. Temptation is enticement of our natural God-given desires to go beyond God's limits.
2. Unbelief in God leaves us to our own understanding and our desires become our compass.
3. God will not put a temptation in our life that we cannot handle and every time we are tempted, God leaves a way out if we choose it.
4. To be tempted is not a sin, even Jesus was tempted. It's how we deal with temptation that can turn it to sin.

## 2 Corinthians 6:3 KJV

Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

## 2. Sequences of Temptation:

1. **THOUGHTS** - Allowing our thoughts to wander uncontrolled they turn into desires.
2. **IMAGINATION** - Allowing partial enjoyment without succumbing entirely.
3. **DESIRE** - A stronger yearning because of repeated imagined scenarios.
4. **WILL** - The ability to recognize what is occurring and an effort to slow it.
5. **CHOICE** - The crossroad where we turn from it or continue on.
6. **CONSENT** - The rationalization of our acts and a justification for continuing in it.
7. **SIN** - The yielding to desires outside the will of God.



### 3. How Should We Deal With Sin?

1. Take responsibility, no excuses.
2. Build a defense system into your life. Don't focus on something desired, focus on the big picture; God, consequences, and God's will for my life.
3. Recall scripture that reminds us of God's provision.
4. Determine to resist in the power of the Holy Spirit, we do not go through it alone.
5. Visualize the victory. Visualize yourself saying no and walking away and the satisfaction that comes with it.
6. Identify your areas of weakness.
7. Identify your moments of weakness.

#### Psalm 7:11 KJV

God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

### 4. Consequences of Temptation:

1. It gives satan an opening to encroach into our life.
2. It can destroy our testimony for Christ.
3. It can cause separation or punishment from God.
4. It robs us of our peace and leaves us with feelings of guilt and despair.
5. It can cause pain, hardship, or destruction to others.
6. It can prevent us from fulfilling God's plan in our life.
7. It can destroy our health and shorten our lives.

#### Galatians 6:7-8 KJV

[7] Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. [8] For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

## Parents:

### Children are Gardens:

1. Prepare the soil. Give a child the basics in order to be able to produce fruit.
2. Organize. Have a plan. Instruct a child about God and God's plan for him.
3. Don't leave a garden to itself or it will be taken over by weeds to the point that nobody knows what is supposed to be growing in it.
4. Diversity. Treat all plants equally but none of us craves a healthy bowl of weeds. We all know the difference between vegetables and weeds. All morality and earthly practices are not equal and ought not be treated equally.
5. Maintain the garden. We should weed out wrong ideas and thoughts so that the fruit will not be choked out by the weeds.

#### Matthew 18:6 KJV

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.