

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A Study of First Corinthians

TEMPTATION!

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Jeff Schreve

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

What does God want to teach us about temptation?

1. You and I are not immune to temptation.

A. Temptation is common to us all.

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man.

1 Corinthians 10:13

B. Temptation is not a sin.

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but the naïve go on and are punished for it. Proverbs 22:3

2. You and I are always susceptible to temptation.

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12

A. The strongest of Christians is still vulnerable.

Now when evening came, David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing. 2 Samuel 12:2

B. Pride goes before a fall.

*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit
before stumbling. Proverbs 16:18*

C. Never forget how weak you are.

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

3. You and I can be victorious over temptation.

A. God is faithful to limit every temptation.

*... and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted
beyond what you are able ... 1 Corinthians 10:13*

*There is no excuse for defeat.

B. God is faithful to provide a way of escape.

*... but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also,
that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

1. Fleshly temptations require you to flee.

Now flee from youthful lusts ... 2 Timothy 2:22

2. Worldly temptations require you to exercise faith.

*And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.
1 John 5:4*

3. Spiritual temptations require you to fight.

*Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will
flee from you. James 4:6*

The key to overcoming: keep your heart filled with Jesus!