

Calvary Chapel Discipleship Series
Bible Study #3

Trails and Temptations

The Christian life is not always a bed of roses (roses have thorns). Like everyone else, the Christian has difficulties and hardships. However, the Christian has God on his side, giving him strength to endure and persevere through the situation.

Trials and temptations help us draw closer to God. He allows these things to prove and improve our faith in Jesus and teach us to trust Him.

1. How important is the trial of our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7)?

2. Jesus gave an illustration in Matthew 7:24-27. Who is like the wise man who built his house upon the rock (verse 24)?
 - 2a. Who is like the foolish man who built his house upon the sand (verse 26)?
 - 2b. What happened when the trials came (verse 27)

3. Read James 1:2-4. What do these tests produce?

Many times when our faith is on trial, we also experience the temptation to sin. You will find yourself being enticed to do something that is against what God wants you to do (like being tempted to steal). We need to turn away from the temptation and look to Jesus. Temptations can come at any time and we must be ready for them.

4. Who is our enemy (1 Peter 5:8)?

5. What are three areas in which we are tempted (1 John 2:16)?

6. Let's take a look at 1 Corinthians 10:13. Is your temptation unique?
 - 6a. Is it more than you can handle?
 - 6b. Are you trapped without help?

7. Who gives us strength to meet our temptations (Philippians 4:13 and Hebrews 2:18)?

8. Why is He able to make us victorious (1 John 4:4)?

The devil did not just show up on the scene when you became a Christian; you just became

aware of him. He is the enemy of a Christian and the father of all lies (Rev. 12:9 and John 8:44).

9. According to Ephesians 2:1-2, who was influencing your life before you were a Christian?

Just like a cloud moves with the wind, so your life before you were a Christian was moved by the devil and temptation. A tree knows all about the wind because it fights it all the time. This is a picture of your past and present relationship with the devil and temptation (Ephesians 4:22-24).

10. What are two things we should do in our temptations (James 4:7)?

It is not sin to be tempted. It only becomes a sin when we give in to temptation. Even Jesus Christ Himself experienced temptation.

11. Read Matthew 4:1-11. Even though Jesus was in great temptation. He met the temptation and the attack of Satan with one weapon. What was the weapon?

12. What has God promised to the one who endures trials and temptations (James 1:12)?

What if I Fall to Temptation?

Even if we fall into sin, we should realize that because of Jesus, we have forgiveness to sin. God wants us to try our hardest not to sin.

13. What does 1 John 1:9 say we should do?

13a. What will God do in response?

14. Overcoming sin and responding properly when we have sinned are both part of our life with God. What does 1 John 3:5 say that Jesus was manifested for?

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