

VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION
1 Cor 10:13; James 1:12-15; 1 Thess 4:3-4

INTRODUCTION:

- “Temptation provokes me to look upward to God” – John Bunyan

This message will examine seven conditions for Victory over Temptation:

- I. Be Vigilant** (1 Pet 5:8)
 - A. Be consistently on guard against Satan.
 - B. Be consistently on guard against your weaknesses.

- II. Imagine the Consequences** (Gal 6:7-8)
 - A. Lying and Stealing
 - B. Illicit Sexual Relationships
 - C. Disobedience to God

- III. Cry Out to God** (Ps 34:6)
 - “This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles” (Ps 34:6).
 - “And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me” (Ps 50:15).

- IV. Take Thoughts into Captivity** (2 Cor 10:3-5)
 - A. Deal with tempting thoughts within the first four seconds
 - B. How to bring every thought into captivity?

- V. Turn to the Omnipresence of God Before Us** (Gen 39:7-9)
 - “For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings” (Job 34:21).
 - “⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; ¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me” (Ps 139: 7-10).

- VI. Rely on Scripture** (Ps 119:11)
 - A. Jesus quoted Scripture when tempted by Satan.
 - B. “I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?” (Job 31:1).

- VII. Yield to the Spirit** (Rom 8:13)
 - “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live” (Rom 8:13).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Remember: God will help you to achieve Victory over Temptation.**
- B. Hymn – Yield Not to Temptation**
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).