

## SCRIPTURE STUDY SERIES – LESSON #7

### A STUDY IN THE ART OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Designed Especially For New Converts and Christians Desiring Greater Fulfillment

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### ENCOUNTERING TEMPTATION AND TESTING

Every person who comes to Jesus Christ and begins to follow Him will be tested, for the Christian's faith would never mature if it were not put to the test. II Peter 2:9 promises us, "The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations." There are two kinds of testing described in the Bible and we should definitely make a distinction between them. One testing is that which takes on the concept of trials or tribulation. The Apostle Paul, writer of many of the New Testament books and author of the great confession, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13), was tested and tried perhaps more than any of the apostles. The Lord allowed him to go through tremendous situations. He was shipwrecked, stoned, left for dead at the gates of Lystra, turned against by his own countrymen, imprisoned and beaten. As a result of these many trials, Paul became an authority on telling you and me how to have confidence in God while being tested. The other type of testing is the temptation to do evil or to sin by yielding to the desires of the flesh. James 1:14 tells us, "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed." Temptation in itself is not a sin, but it is the yielding to temptation—the satisfying of our own carnal natures—which is evil. This study will help you understand temptation and give you the scriptural fortification needed to have confidence in the Lord when you are being tested, in order that you might overcome.

Scriptures to study: I Timothy 6:9-11, I Peter 4:12, I Peter 1:6, Ephesians 6:16,  
Luke 22:28, James 1:2, James 1:12, II Corinthians 6 and 7

- A. What should my reaction be to temptation? (James 1:2)
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- B. When I am tested, I should rejoice and the testing should be a source of joy. Why is it that a believer can be happy instead of sinking into a dejected state of mind, as does the world? (Romans 8:28)
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- C. In the midst of suffering, what should we, as Christians, do? (I Peter 4:16)
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- D. What type of an attitude should I reveal when I am tempted? (I Peter 1:6-7)

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E. The old Adamic nature within us still has sinful desires. How should we treat them? (Colossians 3:5)

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F. Where is the real basis of temptation? (Mark 7:20-23)

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G. When we are going through a trial, what should we do? (James 4:7)

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H. When is a person really tempted? (James 1:14)

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I. When we are in the Kingdom of God and in a proper relationship with God, what is our confidence? (James 1:17)

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J. Something happens when our wills say "Yes" to the wrong desire. What is it? (James 1:15)

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K. Jesus talked about the man who endures. How did He regard such a man? (Matthew 5:11-12)

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L. "And not only \_\_\_\_\_, but we also \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that \_\_\_\_\_ produces \_\_\_\_\_." (Romans 5:3)

M. "Then the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ how to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_ for the day of \_\_\_\_\_." (II Peter 2:9)

N. "\_\_\_\_\_, do not think it \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ which is to \_\_\_\_\_ you, as though some \_\_\_\_\_ happened to you." (I Peter 4:12)

O. “For \_\_\_\_\_ who endured such \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ against Himself, \_\_\_\_\_ you become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your souls.” (Hebrews 12:3)

P. “No \_\_\_\_\_ has overtaken you except such as is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; but God is \_\_\_\_\_, who will not \_\_\_\_\_ you to be \_\_\_\_\_ beyond what you are \_\_\_\_\_, but with the \_\_\_\_\_ will also make the way of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ it.” (I Corinthians 10:13)

Q. “Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ with good.” (Romans 12:21)

R. “Therefore I take \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, for Christ’s sake. For when I am \_\_\_\_\_, then I am \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Corinthians 12:10)

S. “For in that He \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_, He is able to aid those who are \_\_\_\_\_.” (Hebrews 2:18)

T. “But may the God of all \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ us to His \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ Jesus, after you have \_\_\_\_\_ a while, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and settle you.” (I Peter 5:10)

U. Every person who accepts Jesus Christ encounters some trials, some tests and some difficulties. Tell in your own words how the Lord has helped you in all of these areas. (Use opposite side of page if necessary).

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**PLEASE MEMORIZE THIS VERSE:** “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” (I Corinthians 10:13)

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