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**" I F I W A L K I N T H E
W O R L D , I C A N N O T W A L K
W I T H G O D "
— D . L . M O O D Y**

TEMPTATION

1 Corinthians 10:13: No temptation has taken you except that which is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow that you be tempted beyond what you are able, but will, with the temptation, also make the way out, that you may be able to endure it.

"No temptation has taken you except that which is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow that you be tempted beyond what you are able, but will, with the temptation, also make the way out, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Cor. 10:13). There are seven points that we should learn from this verse:

(1) Temptations are common to man. Some people think that their environment and position are unique and that their temptations are special. Little do they know that temptations are common to man.

"Except that which is common

to man."

(2) We should remember that "God is faithful."; If God can fail, then we can fail. But if He is faithful, we should trust Him and should not fail.

(3) All temptations are within what we are able to bear. "Not...tempted beyond what you are able." The temptations that God permits cannot be too great. Hence, when temptations come, we should not take a passive stand, allowing the devil to do whatever he wants.

(4) With every temptation, there is "the way out." Hence, we can overcome every time.

(5) Even if there is no way out, God will "also make the way out."

(6) Sometimes, to endure is the very way out. "That you may be able to endure it."

(7) Temptation is not sin, but to succumb to temptation is sin. "That you may be able to..."

LIVING BY FAITH

Gal 3:11 - And that by law no one is justified before God is evident because, "The righteous one shall have life and live by faith";

Gal 3:14 - In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We need to live by faith. What does it mean to live by faith? It means to live by trusting in God for everything. What is the source of a living by faith? God's appearing is the source and the strength for us to live by faith. A person who has not touched God or received His appearing cannot live by faith. If we do not meet God, there is no way for us to live by faith. The strength to live by faith does not come from listening to doctrines, being stirred up, or being excited. The strength to live by faith comes from meeting God within and having His appearing and revelation. The strength that enables us to live a life of

following the Lord comes solely from His appearing.

The Lord tries the faith of those who serve Him. In the future, we may be placed into periods of trials. Some trials will be problems with family and friends. Some trials may be related to our school and extracurricular activities. These trials may cause us to lose interest in loving and serving the Lord, lack the Lord's leading, and be unable to touch the Lord's heart. These are all examples of trials that can discourage us.

Do not be discouraged! There is a reason why we face these trials. The Lord is determined to bring us into trials because the desire in His heart is for us to mature, to do His work, and to gain spiritual weight. We will be unable to follow the Lord as we did in the past, when we followed the Lord according to our feelings of excitement, prosperity, and blessings. The

Lord is bringing us into a situation in which we cannot follow our feelings, but rather live by faith. When the Lord brings us into trials, He is placing us on the pathway of faith. It is not until we enter into trials that we will walk on the pathway of faith.

On the path of faith there are numerous hardships and scarcities. Who can endure such severe trials? Who would not fall? In the time of trials, it is important to remember that we need to seek the Lord's appearing and thus live by faith.

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WHO WAS TITUS IN THE BIBLE?

Titus was an early church leader, a trusted companion of the apostle Paul, and a faithful servant of the Lord.

Titus was a Gentile (Galatians 2:3) who was led to faith in Christ by Paul (Titus 1:4). He was drawn to the ministry and became a co-worker with Paul, accompanying him and Barnabas from Antioch to Jerusalem (Titus is included in the "other believers" of Acts 15:2). At the Jerusalem Council, Titus would have been a prime example of a born-again Gentile Christian. Titus was living proof that the rite of circumcision was unnecessary for salvation (Galatians 2:3).

Later, Titus went to Corinth to serve the church there (2 Corinthians 8:6, 16-17). On Paul's third missionary journey, which took place from A.D. 53 to 57, Paul arrived in Troas and expected to meet Titus there (2 Corinthians 2:12-13). Not

finding his friend, Paul left for Macedonia. Titus rejoined Paul in Philippi and gave him a good report of the ministry in Corinth (2 Corinthians 7:6-7, 13-14). When Titus returned to Corinth, he hand-delivered the Epistle of 2 Corinthians and organized a collection for needy saints in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:10, 17, 24).

Several years later, Titus and Paul traveled to the island of Crete, where Titus was left behind to continue and strengthen the work. Titus's task was administrative, mostly: he was to maintain sound doctrine and "straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town" (Titus 1:5). When Artemas and Tychicus arrived in Crete to direct the ministry, Paul summoned Titus to join him in Nicopolis, a city in the province of Achaia in western Greece (Titus 3:12).

The last mention of Titus in the Bible indicates that he was with Paul during Paul's final Roman imprisonment. From Rome, Titus was sent to evangelize Dalmatia (2 Timothy 4:10), an area which later became known as Yugoslavia and is now called Serbia and Montenegro.

As a Gentile Christian, Titus would have been particularly

effective in combating the heresy of the Judaizers. The Judaizers insisted that all Christians were bound by the Mosaic Law. Usually, the Judaizers honed in on circumcision: Gentiles must be circumcised, they said, in order to truly be saved. Titus knew this teaching well, for the subject had come up in Syrian Antioch, leading to the Jerusalem Council, of which he had been a part.

Titus was a faithful servant of the Lord and a dedicated aide to Paul. He must have been trustworthy and dependable, since Paul appointed him to lead works in Corinth, Crete, and Dalmatia. Indeed, Paul calls him “my partner and fellow worker” (2 Corinthians 8:23). Knowing the difficult situations in both Corinth and Crete, we can infer that Titus was an insightful man who could handle problems with grace. Scripture says that Titus had a God-given love for the Corinthian believers; in fact, in returning to Corinth, Titus went “with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative” (2 Corinthians 8:16-17).

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Y O U H U M M I N G A L L T H E
W A Y



MATTHEW 4:10

Then Jesus, then Jesus, then Jesus
said to him,
Go away, Satan! Go away, Satan!
Go away, For it is written,
“You shall worship the Lord your God,
You shall worship the Lord your God,
And Him only shall you serve,
And Him only shall you serve.”

B I B L E C H A L L E N G E

GOAL: TO READ THE ENTIRE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE YEAR

5 CHAPTERS A WEEK

WEEK ONE (8/15-8/20)

MONDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 7

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TUESDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 8

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WEDNESDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 9

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THURSDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 10

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/47_2Corinthians_10.htm#SCo10

FRIDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 11

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/47_2Corinthians_11.htm#SCo11

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5 CHAPTERS A WEEK

WEEK ONE (8/22-8/27)

MONDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 12

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TUESDAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 13

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/47_2Corinthians_13.htm#SCo13

WEDNESDAY: GALATIANS 1

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/48_Galatians_1.htm

THURSDAY: GALATIANS 2

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/48_Galatians_2.htm#Gal2

FRIDAY: GALATIANS 3

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/48_Galatians_3.htm#Gal3

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5 CHAPTERS A WEEK

WEEK ONE (8/29-9/3)

MONDAY: GALATIANS 4

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TUESDAY: GALATIANS 5

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/48_Galatians_5.htm#Gal5

WEDNESDAY: GALATIANS 6

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/48_Galatians_6.htm#Gal6

THURSDAY: EPHESIANS 1

https://text.recoveryversion.bible/49_Ephesians_1.htm

FRIDAY: EPHESIANS 2

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