

Temptations Tricky Traps

BIBLE VERSES WHEN TEMPTED

When I think that my temptations and tests are too hard to endure

James 1:2-6 NLT For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. 5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone.

When I think that God is cruel in allowing me to be tempted

James 1:12-15 NLT God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. 13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

When I think it is impossible to avoid failure

1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

When I think that my human desires are going to overwhelm me

Matthew 4:4 NLT But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" [Here, Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 8:3]

When I think God has forgotten me

1 Peter 4:12-13 NLT Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 13 Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

When I am tempted to talk too much

Proverbs 10:19 NLT Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.

Proverbs 17:28 NLT Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

When a man is tempted to stray from his wedding vows

Proverbs 5:15-19 NLT Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife. 16 Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? 17 You should reserve it for

yourselves. Never share it with strangers. 18 Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 She is a loving deer, a graceful doe.

When I am tempted to think that there is a better way than God's way

Luke 4:8 NLT Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" [Here, Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:13]

When I am tempted to misuse scripture

- Satan speaks in Luke 4:9-11 NLT Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! 10 For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you. 11 And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" [Here, Satan quoted to Jesus from Psalm 91:11-12, misusing scripture]
- Jesus responds - Luke 4:12 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" [Here, Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:16]

When I am tempted by money

1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7 After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. 9 But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

When I am tempted by lack of money or an abundance of money

Proverbs 30:7-9 NLT O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. 8 First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. 9 For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.

When I feel overcome by worry, when I lack peace

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

When I feel like a loser and that God is ashamed of me

Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."