

Is Your Life Worth a Prayer?
“The Lord’s Prayer”
Part 7

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

Man’s solution to temptation is “Just stop it”

“Just Stop It” Doesn’t Work!

1. Temptation strikes at OUR WEAKEST POINT

2. Temptation is my issue – not GOD’S FAULT

“It is one thing to be tempted, it is another thing to have the opportunity. When temptation and opportunity meet, character is revealed.” Dr. Sam Huddleston

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. James 1:13-15

3. Willpower is OVERRATED

Luke 19:10 – “*And I, the Son of Man, have come to seek and save those like him who are lost.*”

We can’t overcome sin by self-discipline.

“You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the evil powers of this world. So why do you keep on following rules of the world, such as, ‘Don’t handle, don’t eat, don’t touch.’ Such rules are mere human teaching about things that are gone as soon as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, humility, and severe bodily discipline. But they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person’s evil thoughts and desires.” Colossians 2: 20-23

4. Great News! God has a **PLAN**

Three Principles that are God's Plan:

1) We all need to reconnect to God as our **SOURCE OF GRACE**

The ultimate temptation is to cut ourselves off from God and do it *OUR* way.

2) **FLEE** Temptation

2 Timothy 2:22 – *“Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust.”*

Temptation is stronger than you are. Run to God when you're weak.

3) Restore our **SOUL**

Temptation is a diagnosis of where God wants to heal you.