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BIBLE STUDY - SERIES 2 - LESSON #1

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LESSON: ADAM - YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

DEFINITION: **Temptation** is the desire to perform an action that one may enjoy immediately or in the short term but will probably later regret for various reasons such as legal, (trouble with the law) social, (relationships) psychological (including feeling guilt), health-related, (doing wrong things to our bodies) economic, etc.

- 1) Write a summary of the first temptation listed in the Bible (**Genesis 3:1-7**)

What Lesson Can You Learn _____

- 2) Our conscience bears witness when we are doing something wrong. What did Adam and Eve do after they fell into the temptation? (Genesis 3:8) _____

- 3) Who did Adam blame for falling into temptation? (Genesis 3:12) _____

a) What lesson can you learn from Adam? _____

- 4) Yielding to just **one** temptation can cause great hurt and consequences to yourself and to others. Explain what happened to the people below because of yielding to temptation.

Adam (Genesis 3:17-19) _____

His Wife Eve (Genesis 3:16) _____

The Human Race (Romans 5:12) _____

- 5) **Read Matthew 4:1-11.** What name is Satan called in **Matthew 4:3**? _____

6) How many times did Satan tempt Jesus? _____
b) What did Jesus do or use to defeat Satan each time? (**Matthew 4, verses 4, 7, 10,**)

c) What Lesson can you learn from this? _____

7) From the Lesson Sheet attached, name someone who resisted temptation and someone who yielded to temptation. (List the person's name and what was the temptation)

Resisted: _____

Yielded: _____

8) Read **Matthew 6:9-13**. What is our greatest weapon or defense against temptation? _____

9) What does **James 1:13** teach us about "test" or "temptation"? _____

10) A key verse to memorize when facing temptation is **1 Corinthians 10:13**. Write it in your own words. _____

Are there any questions or struggles that you have that you would like to share with us to pray for you? Whatever is shared with us will be kept in strict confidence.

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Lead Us Not Into Temptation" (Matthew 6:13)

Jesus taught us how to pray: "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And **forgive us our debts**, As we forgive our debtors. And **lead us not into temptation**," but deliver us from evil.

In the first petition "forgive us our debts," the request was to be forgiven for sins already committed. But here we have a plea to be delivered from falling into new sins. The petition in the prayer is primarily for protection. It accepts the danger of temptation, acknowledges our deficiency in dealing with it, and asks for deliverance from it.

First, we need to establish what "lead us into temptation" means. It cannot mean that God is the leader behind all temptations. Nor can it mean that Christians can pray this prayer and be delivered from all temptation. God does not lead us into a life that is free from temptations. Rather, He teaches us how to look to Him for the necessary strength with which to deal with temptation appropriately. The following Scriptures and Examples will help you understand who the chief agent in temptation is and how not to yield (give in) to temptations when they come.

<p>Satan is the Chief Agent in Temptation Genesis 3:1 1 Chronicles 21:1 Matthew 4:3 2 Corinthians 2:11 2 Corinthians 11:3 1 Thessalonians 3:5 1 Timothy 6:9 James 1:14 2 Peter 2:18</p> <p>Voluntary entering into Temptation (You have a choice) Genesis 3:6 Genesis 13:12 Matthew 26:41 Luke 22:40</p>	<p>Encouragement to Those in the Midst of Temptation 1 Corinthians 10:13 Hebrews 2:18 James 1:2 James 1:3 James 1:12 2 Peter 2:9 Revelation 3:10</p> <p>The Duty of Resisting Temptation Proverbs 1:10 Proverbs 4:14 Luke 21:34 Romans 6:13 Ephesians 6:13 2 Peter 3:17</p>	<p>Examples of Those Who Resisted Temptation Abraham, by Refusing a Reward for service given (Genesis 14:23) (1 Kings 13:8)</p> <p>Elisha, by Refusing Payment for Healing (2 Kings 5:16)</p> <p>Job, by Rejecting Evil Counsel (Job 2:9), (Job 2:10)</p> <p>The Rechabites and Daniel, by Refusing Wine (Jeremiah 35:5,6), (Daniel 1:8)</p> <p>Christ, by Refusing Worldly Honor (Luke 4:5-8) , (John 6:15)</p> <p>Peter By Refusing a Bribe (Acts 8:20)</p>
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Temptation comes in all forms and from many sources. Beware of these “steps” that leads us into temptation:

1. False impression given by Satan that whatever wrong we are contemplating really is not that serious.
2. The temptation presents a picture of some action that in some way appeals to our inner needs. Satan makes us see something, or someone, or some situation which he is sure will appeal to our lives.
3. A desire is actively aroused.
4. We begin to toy with this idea. We play with it. We fantasize about it. At this point we have already begun to fall for Satan's ruse.
5. We proceed to act on that which was presented to us. But the moment we give in we are dismayed and disgusted by our own defeat.
6. We try to hide our sin. We attempt to excuse or to conceal this matter from God and others.
(principles drawn from W. Phillip Keller. A Layman Looks at the Lord's Prayer.)

Bad Influence of Evil Companionships	Special Sources of Temptation	The allurements (attractions) which lead to temptation
<p>Injured Lot (Genesis 13:12) (Genesis 13:13)</p> <p>A Detriment to Israel (Numbers 11:4)</p> <p>A Snare to Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 18:1) (2 Chronicles 19:2)</p> <p>Devoured the strength of Ephraim (Hosea 7:9)</p> <p>Corrupt good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33)</p>	<p>False Gods (Exodus 23:33)</p> <p>Sinful Covenants (Exodus 34:12)</p> <p>Silver and Gold (Deuteronomy 7:25)</p> <p>Friendship with violent men Proverbs 22:25</p> <p>Evil Associations Joshua 23:13</p>	<p><u>The Lure of Forbidden Fruit</u> (Genesis 3:6)</p> <p><u>The Lure of Fertile Fields</u> (Genesis 13:10) (Genesis 13:11) (Genesis 13:13)</p> <p><u>The Lure of the Appetite</u> (Genesis 25:29) (Genesis 25:30) (Genesis 25:33)</p>
<p>Enticers</p> <p>Deuteronomy 13:6 Proverbs 1:10 Proverbs 16:29 Proverbs 28:10 2 Peter 2:18</p> <p>Seducers</p> <p>2 Kings 21:9 Ezekiel 13:10 Mark 13:22 Acts 20:30 1 Timothy 4:1 2 Timothy 3:13</p>	<p>Temptation to Deceive (examples of)</p> <p>Genesis 12:13 Genesis 26:7 1 Samuel 21:2 1 Samuel 21:3 2 Kings 10:18 Matthew 26:73 Matthew 26:74</p>	<p><u>The Lure of Silver and Gold</u> (Joshua 7:21) (Judges 14:17) (Judges 16:17) 1 Samuel 13:12</p> <p><u>The Lure of Women</u> (1 Kings 11:1-4)</p> <p><u>The Lure of Ambition</u> (Mark 10:35-37) (2 Peter 2:20)</p>

KEEP THIS STUDY SHEET. RETURN ONLY THE LESSON SHEET