

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

The Background in 1 Corinthians

Great spiritual privilege doesn't mean you are great spiritually (1 Corinthians 10:1-5)

Old Testament Incidents (1 Corinthians 10:6-11)

	What is the temptation?	What do they do?	Why is that wrong?	What should we learn?
1 Cor 10:7= Exodus 32:1-6				
1 Cor 10:8=Numbers 25:1-9				
1 Cor 10:9= Numbers 21:4-9				
1 Cor 10:10 = Numbers 14:1-4 and 14:26-38				

None of us are invulnerable to temptation (1 Corinthians 10:12)

There is nothing unusual about our temptations (1 Corinthians 10:13)

There is no such thing as an irresistible temptation

Case Studies

What is the temptation here? How could God provide a way out of it? What would we have to do?

1. Someone in front of you on the street drops a £20 note. They don't notice, and walk on...
2. You're late for work because you couldn't be bothered to get out of bed in time. Your boss is angry when you arrive....
3. You meet someone in church who is a manual labourer, and "very working-class"...
4. You see a book you'd really like to buy, but you have 500 other books at home that you haven't read and never will...
5. You're at a party with lots of friends who aren't Christians. They are drinking a lot, and have just bought you yet another one...
6. A very good-looking person walks past you in the street...
7. Your boss leaves his computer and email password on his desk just before going on holiday
8. You're having a heated argument with your siblings. They say something that's not true and you're very angry about it...
9. You overhear someone in your Bible study group say that a study you led was "rubbish"...
10. You see a new piece of clothing in a shop that would look really good on you. You want it, but you don't really need it...
11. You meet someone in church whose English isn't very good...
12. Your friend says her children can do x and y. Your kids are younger but can do much better...
13. You meet someone in church who is new and a bit lost, but you haven't seen your best buddy on the other side of the church for a week or two...
14. You're lonely, and on your own at home, just you and the broadband internet connection...
15. You are in love with someone at work, and think about them all the time. But you are married (to someone else)...
16. Someone tells you how much they give to Christian charities and church. You give more...
17. You've just spent an hour making a meal for someone and all they do is complain....
18. Someone asks you what you are studying in your Quiet Times at the moment, but you haven't actually had one for a while....