

**“Your Enemy: The Devil, Part 5”
John 17:15**

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When we are tempted, we have a desire to do something we may enjoy immediately, but we will later regret.

Two truths about temptation:

1. Satan or his demons tempt believers to go against God’s will.

Matthew 4:3

1 Thessalonians 3:5

This is an important principle: God tests us to bring out the best in us. Satan tempts us to bring out the worst in us.

1 Corinthians 7:5

Satan is a master at kicking you when you’re down.

“That fight’s definitely gonna happen. It’s a fight for the world, man, right there. It’s the biggest fight that’s ever been in life...you mark my words...Pacquiao is tailor-made for Floyd. He’s tailor-made to eat the right hand all day long...” (Floyd Mayweather, Sr.).

Matthew 6:13

2. God stresses that sin is always a choice and He always gives the believer the ability to say ‘No’ to the temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:13

“But people are tempted when their own evil desire leads them away and traps them. This desire leads to sin, and then the sin grows and brings death” (James 1:14-15, NCV).

The magazine, *Discipleship Journal*, asked its readers to rank the areas of greatest spiritual challenge to them. The results came back in this order:

1. Materialism
2. Pride
3. Self-centeredness
4. Laziness
5. (Tie) Anger/Bitterness and Sexual Lust
6. Envy
7. Gluttony
8. Lying

The respondents also noted that temptations were more potent when they had neglected their time with God (81%) and when they were physically tired (57%). Resisting temptation was accomplished by prayer (84%), avoiding compromising situations (76%), Bible study (66%) and being accountable to someone else (52%).

Two questions people consistently ask about demons:

1. Can a Christian be demon possessed?

Romans 6:14

I Corinthians 6:19

James 4:7

2. Can demons read your mind?

Hebrews 4:15