

## A Clear View of Temptation

by Dave Rogers

*"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13, NKJ)*

**Temptation is a fact of life;** it is the opportunity to use something God has given for good in a bad way. Temptation may lead us to DO something He has forbidden, or it may entice us to leave **UNDONE** something He desires us to accomplish. Like sin itself, temptation falls into three basic categories of 1 John 2:16 (lust of flesh/eyes, pride of life). The "problem" most of us have with temptation is that when we experience it, we don't see clearly what it is. In James 1:12-18, we learn that temptation can be...

...**a blessing** (IF we use it properly). The beatitude of James 1:12 does not celebrate the **FACT** of temptation; it recognizes the accomplishment of **overcoming** the temptation. The blessing comes **AFTER** we endure it (not before)! Solomon tells us in Proverbs 18:2, 7 & 13 that only foolish people celebrate when they see opportunities **TO** sin. The blessing in a temptation lies in successfully turning away from it without sinning! Peter asked a rhetorical question in 1 Peter 2:20,

*"For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God."*

In other words, if you give in to temptation and then suffer the consequences of sin, where's the "glory" in that? But if you "use" the temptation as an opportunity to grow stronger by overcoming it, you've actually accomplished something good with it! Make no mistake, however: Enduring temptation **IS**...

...**a trial**. Temptations can be **HARD** to endure! This was the dilemma of ancient Job; he knew he was innocent, but never got to see why he experienced so many harsh trials. When Paul describes the "armor" of the Christian soldier in Ephesians 6, he specifically mentions the shield of faith to protect us against the "fiery darts" of the evil

one (vs. 16): Many times those "darts" are tipped with temptation and doubt! As we read through James 1:12-18, though, we need to remember that...

...**temptation is foreign to GOD'S nature** (vs. 13). The prospect of sin holds **NO** appeal for Him; it is utterly contrary to Him. John wrote in 1 John 1:5 that...

*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."*

For a temptation to "work," it has to appeal to a desire in some way; but God has **NO** desire to sin. This is why He **NEVER** employs temptations. He created our ability to feel desire for things – our natural appetites – to be perfectly fulfilled in pure and holy ways which do **NOT** involve sin. This is also why it is wrong to ever suggest that He is the source of any temptations we experience (read James 1:14 again!). What this means for us on a practical level is that when we **DO** experience it, we ought to realize that...

...**temptations arise from lust**, and they are dangerous because **they can result in sin**. Lust is the **MISUSE** of an innocent desire; it distorts our perception so that what we know is wrong "seems" right or okay. The lust in temptation focuses our attention on satisfying its desire while hiding how brief and **UNsatisfying** that sensation really is, and it tries to warp our sense of how much the sin will actually "cost" us! The progression of James 1:14-15 – lust, seduction, sin, death – **never varies**. In this, temptation **IS** like sin: It will take you "farther" than you ever meant to go, keep you "longer" than you every meant to stay, and "cost" you far more than you ever had any intention of paying! Whenever we encounter temptation,...

...**we should not be deceived** (James 1:16-17). **EVERY** "good" thing comes from God, and **NO** good thing comes from sinning. Temptations take different forms in every life; what tempts me may have no appeal to you at all, and vice versa, but make **NO** mistake! The **nature** of temptation never changes – it **ALWAYS** tries to make what is wrong appear to be right and harmless (but it **NEVER** is).

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Steve Higginbotham

Imagine the following scenario: You came up with an amazing ministry idea for your congregation. It was your “brain child,” so you set up a meeting with the bishops of your congregation and just as you thought, they too, loved your idea! In fact, they are elated with it. “Yes, absolutely, yes!” they said. “We want to implement your ministry idea as soon as possible. However, we don’t want you to do it because, in our judgment, we don’t think you’re the right person for the job. Instead, we’re going to select someone else to implement this great idea.” Okay, so what are the words that would best describe your feelings if the above scenario happened to you? Angry? Hurt? Resentful? Shocked? Am I at least close? Would this be enough to make you want to start attending the congregation across town? Or if you stayed, at the same church, would you withdraw and have nothing to do with your idea since your leaders didn’t want you to do it? I don’t know what you would do, but I do know what David did when he faced a similar situation. David had it “in his mind” to build a house to the

name of the Lord (1 Chronicles 22:7). It was David’s idea. It was his “brain child.” But note what the Lord said, “You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for my name... Behold, a son shall be born to you...he shall build a house for my name...” (1 Chronicles 22:8-10). We know the story, but don’t remove the human element! This had to hurt. God basically said, “Good idea, David, but you’re not the right kind of man to do this. I’m going to pick someone more qualified than you.”

So what did David do? Did he get angry and pout? Did he withdraw? Did he wash his hands of the project? Did he set stumbling blocks in the way of his successor? No, listen to how he responded, “David prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond measure, and cedar trees in abundance...So David made abundant preparations before his death” (1 Chronicles 22:1-6). Although David was rejected, his idea wasn’t, and he worked to make sure his idea succeeded. Does David’s attitude challenge you as much as it does me? No wonder he was called a man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14).



## The Faith Force- Heroes of Godly Living

**July 7—10, 2019**  
**Sunday, 5-7pm**  
**Monday—Wednesday,**  
**6:30-8:30pm**

### Youth Events

(See David Gullede with any questions)

**Jun 9 - 14** – Camp Inagehi Week

**Jun 21** – COC Six Flags Night

**June 23** - Area Wide Youth Devo at Middle Fayette COC

**June 23** - Sunday for the Savior following worship for all

ages

**July 2-4** – Ark Encounter Trip

**July 7 - 12** – McDonough COC Connections Leadership Camp for young men.

**July 7-10** – Vacation Bible School

# Family Matters

**Deepest Sympathy:** We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Bro. Jim and Sis. Susan Pelfrey and their family for the loss of their son-in-law, Joe Brown. Cards can be sent to Amanda, Nate and Maddy at 410 E. Cleveland Ave, Vinton, VA 24179 Please keep this family in your daily prayers.

**Prayer Request:** Brenda Mitchell came forward last Sunday requesting prayers of the church and forgiveness from the Lord.

Jill Nash – Is in Piedmont Newnan Hosp. with pneumonia

Hugh Kelly – Will have heart valve surgery June 13 at Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta.

Ray Cozart – Will see his doctor for test results on June 24.

David Riley – Will go to Emory July 9 for an evaluation of his scan results.

Sally Wallace – Is recovering at home following back surgery last week.

Joellen Mullis – Had a MRI last week. Jon & Kristin are waiting on results.

**Members With Health Issues:** RuPearl Sharpe, Lauren (Sorrell) Heger, Jo Ruffer, Steven Burdette, Greg &

Amy Nash, Jim Scoma, Mary Lawrence, Larry & Margie Fields, Kathleen Garner, Ray Russell, Lucille Amon, Doris Buckner, Lilly Walker, Decieta Lyons, Joann Crook, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Forest & Burma Chapman, Jim & Sharon O'Brien

**Shut-ins:** Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, David Nash, Equillar Butler, Ruby Fowler, Lillie Jones, Joe Clark, Frances Elder & Jane Lankford

**Others With Health Problems:** Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), McKenzie O'Brien (Jim's/Sharon's granddaughter), Evyonne King (Annette Butler's cousin), Ron Brown, Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Donna & Tom Holcomb (Annette Benefield's daughter & son-in-law), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Frances Jones (neighbor of Sally Wallace & Denise Greene), Mike Giles (Jim O'Brien), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Greg Brown & Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's cousin & niece), Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.-in-law) and Joe & Judy Hand (Jim Scoma's sister & bro.-in-law)



*Lauren Sorrell Heger Baby "Girl" Shower  
June 23rd at 3:00pm in the Followership Hall  
Lauren is registered at Target, Amazon & Pottery Barn  
The baby's name will be Emogene Elizabeth.*

## Calendar

**June 9-14** – Camp Week

**June 21-23** – GSOP, Speaker: Phil Sanders

**June 23** – Lauren Sorrell Baby "Girl" Shower

**June 28-29** – Church building in use.

**July 4** – Office Closed - 4th of July

**July 12-19** – Jamaica Mission Trip

**July 19-27** – Mexico Mission Trip

**Aug 2** – Family Game Night

**Aug 16-22** – Polishing the Pulpit

**Sept 2** – Office Closed - Labor Day

## Area Calendar:

**Aug 10** – Lithia Springs COC Ladies' Day, Speaker: Sheila Butt

**Sept 21** – Cumming Church of Christ Ladies' Day, "Such A Time As This", Speaker: Jane Washington, Henderson, TN

# GSOP Summer Course

## “Eschatology”

June 21-23, 2010



### Speaker: Phil Sanders

Eschatology - the part of theology concerned with death, judgement, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind.

	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
Call To Worship	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	David Gullede	David Gullede
Scripture Reading	Zeke Poskevich	Jake Garner	Zeke Poskevich	Jake Garner
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr	Charles Nash
Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Dennis Ethridge	David Poskevich	Bill Ruffer
Preside Lord's Supper	Dale Findley	Anthony Stinson	Steven Williams	Andy Johnson
Server	Tim Tittle	Jack Sorrell	Tim Tittle	Jack Sorrell
Server	John Mullis	Larry Fields	John Mullis	Larry Fields
Server	Andrew Dalman	Ben Rogers	Andrew Dalman	Ben Rogers
Server	Garrett Dalman	Eric Hagen	Garrett Dalman	Eric Hagen
Server	James Walker	Ron James	James Walker	Ron James
Server	Reggie Graham	Troy Cook	Reggie Graham	Troy Cook
Server	David Hopkins	Steve Hopkins	David Hopkins	Steve Hopkins
Server	Rick Sharpe	Randall Bell	Rick Sharpe	Randall Bell
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gullede	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Announcements	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	David Gullede	David Gullede
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden
<b>Evening Worship</b>				
Announcements	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	David Gullede	David Gullede
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Ray Russell	Curtis Hurt	Paul Lyons	Hugh Kelly
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gullede	Song Service	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	John Mullis	Eric Hagen	Reggie Graham	Troy Cook
Lord's Supper	James Walker	Ron James	David Hopkins	Steve Hopkins
Prayer	K Killingsworth	Gayle Pelfrey	Steven Williams	Tad Durden

Worship Assignment Coordinator for June: Anthony Ravenell

*The Fountain of Life*  
With Larry Acuff  
Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57

**In Search of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders**  
WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am

#### Communion Preparation

Donna Hagin  
**Nursery**  
9 Terri Durden,  
23 Alycia Hart & 23 Amy Nash

#### Care of Building

June 1-15 Anthony Ravenell/  
Shirley Allender  
16-30 David Hopkins/Jimmy Garner

#### Ushers

**Media Center Helpers**  
9 Reggie Graham  
16 & 23 Brad Hopkins  
31 & July 7 Tad Durden

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Andy Johnson  
Stan Mitchell  
David Poskevich  
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David Riley  
Rick Sharpe  
Jack Sorrell

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**Raintree Village**  
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

#### Assembly Schedule:

**Sunday**  
9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday  
Morning Bible Class  
(September 4 - May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible  
Study



# June 2019

Response Elder: Greg Nash

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort;"  
11 Corinthians 1:3

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