

Lesson 10 - Be On Guard (part 2)

I. Introduction:

A. In addition to the intellectual challenges and dangers to the Christian faith that we looked at in the last lesson, there are emotional and moral dangers which we will deal with in this lesson.

B. Words and Concepts:

1. **Lust** - In the New Testament, the word, "lust" is not as restrictive in meaning as the English word, "lust." Lust in English has a sexual connotation, whereas in the New Testament it may or may not be sexual in nature. If it is not used in a sexual context, it is translated, "desire." In James 1:14-15, the "desire" that eventually gives birth to sin is not always necessarily sexual desire.
2. **Fellowship** - Fellowship means to hold in common. It is not the same thing as association because you can associate with someone that you have nothing in common with. Christian fellowship is based on Christ. All those who have accepted Christ as Lord, have been baptized, and are faithful servants of his have "fellowship" with each other "in Christ." This is the most significant thing they share in common.
3. **Idolatry** - The most basic meaning of this is to serve, honor, acknowledge, or worship something that is the creation of man's hands. In ancient times, it referred to statues that people built as a representation of their so-called god. The root problem of idolatry is that man is worshiping something he has created rather than worshipping the one who has created him. In idolatry, man is the one in control of his so-called god and does the talking while the idol is mute, powerless, dead, in danger of falling over, etc. In effect, man becomes his own god.

II. Temptation

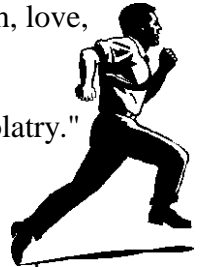
A. (James 1:14-15) - What is the anatomy of temptation and sin...

1. Step one: _____ and enticed by lust/desire
2. Step two: Lust conceives and gives birth to _____
3. Step three: When sin is accomplished it brings forth _____

B. What should you do about temptation?

1. (James 4:7) - "_____ the Devil and he will _____..."

2. (Prov 27:12) - "A prudent man sees evil and _____ himself;
The naïve _____ and pay the penalty."
3. (1 Tim 6:10-11) "...For the _____ of money is a _____ of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But _____ from these things, you man of God, and _____ righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.
4. (1 Cor 10:14) - "Therefore, my beloved, _____ from idolatry."
5. (1 Cor 6:18) - "_____ immorality..."
6. (Mt 5:27-30) - "everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed _____ with her in his _____. If your right eye makes you stumble, _____ it out and _____ it from you..."
7. Job 31:1 - "I have made a _____ with my eyes..."



C. Reflect on Strategy: What are ways to deal with various kinds of temptation?

III. Suffering

- A. (James 5:13) - What should be your response to suffering? _____
- B. (Rom 8:18-23) - What does the analogy of "pains of childbirth" say about the nature of our suffering?
- C. (Phil 3:10-11)
 1. What are results of the "fellowship of His sufferings?"
 2. How is this a "fellowship?"

IV. Persecution (I Peter 4:12-16)

- A. Why should it be no surprise if you suffer in the name of Christ?
- B. What is the purpose of these trials?
- C. How does this passage say a Christian SHOULD NOT suffer?
- D. (I Peter 4:19) Explain what should you do if you suffer according to the will of God.

V. Doubt

- A. What are potential sources of doubt as it pertains to your relationship with God?
- B. (James 1:6-8) What do these descriptions of the doubting man say about the doubting person?
- C. (Jude 1:22) - If a brother or sister is doubting, what should you do?
- D. (Luke 12:22-31) - What does this passage say God will do for you?

VI. Failure

- A. (I John 1:6-10)
 - 1. What do we need to do to have fellowship with Christ? (v.6)

2. What happens as we walk in the light? (v.7)
3. Are you going to be “perfect”? (v.8)
4. If you sin while trying to walk in the light, what should you do and what will God do? (v.9)

B. (I John 2:1)

1. Is it God’s ideal for you not to sin?
2. Does God recognize that you will or wont?
3. What happens if you are trying to do your best, and you sin?

VII. Concluding Thoughts

- A. (Galatians 6:1-2) When your brothers and sisters in Christ are struggling, what should you do?
- B. (Prov 27:12) - What is important as you try to stay sharp in your faith?
- C. Concluding Reflection: Concerning dangers to your faith, such as temptation, suffering, persecution, or doubt, what might be some good strategies to deal with and overcome them?

☐ **Monday**

1. Read 1 Pet 5:6-11 slowly
2. Spend some time in prayer. Write down any reflections or thoughts between you and God here:

□ Tuesday

1. Read 2 Pet 1:2-9
2. Reflect: What is God communicating to you ?

3. Prayer: Share your thoughts with God

3. Complete any part of the previous lesson that is incomplete.

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday</p> <p>1. Read Phil 2:1-8</p> <p>2. Reflect: What is God communicating to you about how to live and think and why?</p> <p>3. Prayer: Share your thoughts with God</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Thursday</p> <p>1. Read Read Eph 4:17-24 slowly</p> <p>2. Reflect: What is God communicating to you here about</p> <p>3. Prayer</p>
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<p>☐ Friday</p> <p>1. Read Col 3:1-9</p> <p>2. Read over and begin the next lesson. Write down any reflections, thoughts, or challenges here.</p> <p>3. Prayer</p>	<p>☐ Saturday</p> <p>1. Read Col 3:1-17</p> <p>2. Finish the next lesson. Write down any reflections, thoughts, or challenges here.</p> <p>3. Prayer</p>
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